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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings!

Welcome to another wonderful year of opportunities in the forests, fields, and marshes of the great State of Maryland. It is my pleasure to introduce this 2004-2005 edition of the Guide to Hunting and Trapping. In doing so, I realize that we are again fortunate to be afforded new and expanded hunting and trapping recreational opportunities this year.

New regulations for this year reveal changes that will enhance the existing recreational prospects for small game hunters, deer hunters, fur trappers, and raccoon and fox chasers. These changes were made in consultation with hunters and non-hunters alike and subject to the scientific scrutiny of our team at DNR. We believe the new regulations represent a solid balance of public input and our wildlife management objectives.

This year also provides several exciting new opportunities for hunters, trappers and chasers on public lands in Maryland. There will be nearly 20,000 acres of new public access land and expanded hunting programs are proposed for the coming season. This includes more than 12,000 acres of Chesapeake Forest Lands, a dozen new State Park hunting programs, and a variety of offerings on the already vast network of Wildlife Management Areas in Maryland. Some of these opportunities are detailed within this guide, others are under development and can be found on our website or by contacting your local District Wildlife office listed in this publication.

The expansion and enhancement of these recreational opportunities was debated extensively and meaningfully with our stakeholders. Interestingly, even our own staff engages in these debates. Passionate, expert, and personally interested in the issues we manage, our staff routinely engages in heartfelt dialogue on proposals. This year one of the discussions related to the continued decline in participation by small game hunters. One of the staff crafted this quote when offering his belief that we need to remember, "How we got here":

"I am convinced that I would not be a hunter today, nor would I have entered the wildlife field as a career, if it had not been for the many rabbits, pheasants, and squirrels I hunted with my father. My father probably would not be a hunter if it were not for the pheasants and rabbits he hunted and the muskrats he trapped with his Dad; and my grandfather would not be a hunter if not for the rabbits he hunted with his father. Hunting is a sport that is carried through generations - there are few new hunters that do not have a mentor . . ."

On reading this statement I concluded it was not only accurate, but also timely. Timely for me, as I recalled my experiences as a beginning hunter, sitting in a johnboat 30 years ago, while my father pulled my brother and I across a South Jersey marsh to watch teal buzz our decoys for the first time. Timely, as this year I was fortunate to repay my Dad and witness him taking the buck of a lifetime with me in Maryland.

The statement was also timely for all sportsmen and women in that it reminds us that we have an obligation to repay our mentors and reach out to become a mentor ourselves. To provide newcomers with the opportunity for a lifetime of grand outdoor experiences; to provide advocates for the conservation ethic borne of hunters and trappers; and to help engender interest in these individuals to serve as the next generation of mentors.

Finally, with this edition of the Guide to Hunting and Trapping I would like to honor Mr. Josh Sandt and his service to Maryland's wildlife management community; and honor the memory of Mr. Pete Leggett — one of the greatest trappers and outdoor enthusiasts in Maryland history.

As the former Director of our agency, Josh was both a personal and professional mentor to me for many years. I was proud to be one of many who sent Josh to a well-deserved retirement this past spring — after 35 years, his contributions to the work of our agency will be missed daily.

In addition, while penning this message on May 4th, 2004 I received word that Pete Leggett had died peacefully at his home in Boonsboro. With his passing, Pete leaves a void in the great circle of voices that serve as today's mentors, advocates and passionate participants in outdoor pursuits. I am proud to have known him and confident that the people he touched along the way, especially his son, will carry on his passion and work.

The contributions of Josh and Pete have created an admirable legacy for Maryland sportsmen and women. I urge each of you to follow in their footprints and endeavor to leave your own mark on Maryland's great outdoor traditions!

Paul A. Peditto
Director, Wildlife and Heritage Service

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2004-2005

Rabbit Season Expanded

Rabbit season has been extended by adding one week to the end of the season. Rabbit season will now end on February 15, 2005, the same time that quail season ends in the Eastern Zone.

Squirrel Season Expanded

Squirrel season will now start earlier and end later than in previous years. Squirrel season will start on the first Saturday in September, which will be September 4, 2004. The season will also extend to the end of February and will end on February 28, 2005.

Fox and Coyote Hunting and Trapping in Caroline County

Caroline County government has repealed its local public law that prohibited the hunting and trapping of fox and coyote in that county. It is now legal to hunt and trap fox and coyote in Caroline County during the established hunting and trapping seasons.

Fox, Coyote, Fisher, Skunk and Long-tailed Weasel Hunting and Trapping Seasons Extended

The statewide hunting and trapping opportunities for these species have been extended by approximately two weeks. See the Fur-bearer Hunting and Trapping Season charts on page 19 for the new closing date for these species.

Raccoon and Opossum Hunting Seasons Extended

The raccoon and opossum hunting seasons have been extended one month and will now close on March 15, 2005, which coincides with the closure of the raccoon and opossum trapping seasons on the Eastern Shore.

Body-gripping Trap Regulations Changed

The regulation governing the use of body-gripping traps larger than 8" in diameter has been changed. Body-gripping traps larger than 8" in diameter can now be set partially submerged in water. In previous years, these traps had to be totally submerged in water.

The Definition of Jaw Spread Measurements for Leg-hold Traps has been Clarified

New trap designs have necessitated a clarification in the definition of jaw spread for leg-hold traps. Jaw spread will now mean the distance between the inside of both jaws, when measured across the trap jaws on a line perpendicular to a line drawn through the jaw pivot points when the trap is in the set position.

All Rifles are Now Permitted for Hunting Nutria

Previously, only .22 caliber rimfire rifles were permitted for nutria hunting. It is now legal for nutria hunters to use any caliber rifle, unless local ordinances are in place to limit the use of rifles for hunting.

Black Bear Hunting

At the time of printing for the Guide to Hunting and Trapping 2004-2005, issues concerning a proposed bear-hunting season are unresolved. As these are determined, DNR will provide information to hunters on the status of the proposed season.

"Draw-lock" Devices are Now Legal for Archery Hunting Under Certain Conditions

Devices known as "draw-locks" are now legal for use on vertical bows. Their use is permitted during the established crossbow season. They can also be used during any open season by anyone who is authorized by a special permit to use a crossbow.

Deer Management Regions Have Been Changed With New Bag Limits for Region B

Region A is now Garrett and Allegany counties. Region B includes Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester counties. Independent deer bag limits have been established for each region. The number of deer that a

hunter can take in one region will not affect the hunter's bag limit in the other region. The new Region B bag limits for each season (Bow, Firearm, Muzzleloader) is now 2 antlered deer and 10 antlerless deer. Two antlerless deer must be taken before a hunter can pursue a second antlered deer.

All of Washington County is Now in One Deer Management Region

All of Washington County will now be in Region B. The western portion of Washington County has been removed from Region A. Region A is now comprised only of Garrett and Allegany counties.

October Antlerless Muzzleloader Season Expanded

The antlerless only October muzzleloader season has been expanded to 6 days, October 25-30, 2004 in Region B. In Region A, this season will be limited to private lands only and will be 3 days, October 28-30.

The Daily Deer Bag Limit in Region A has been Changed

The daily deer bag limit in Region A has been changed from 1 deer per day to the season bag limit, unless otherwise specified during a deer season segment.

Region A Antlered Bag Limit Changed

Region A deer bag limits for each season (Bow, Firearm, Muzzleloader) will remain at 2 deer per season. However, hunters will be restricted to taking no more than 1 antlered deer in each season. Hunters may take 1 antlered deer and 1 antlerless deer or 2 antlerless deer in each season.

Special Unlimited Antlerless Archery Deer Season Bag Limit Established in Some Counties

To provide additional opportunities for archery deer hunters to kill antlerless deer during the bow season, DNR has established a Suburban Deer Archery Zone in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties. During the bow season, archery hunters in these counties can kill unlimited numbers of antlerless deer using archery equipment, but must still kill 2 antlerless deer before they can attempt to take a second antlered deer.

The Deer Bag Limit has been Changed for the October Muzzleloader Seasons in Region B

The antlerless deer bag limit for the October Muzzleloader Seasons has been increased to 10. The antlered deer bag limit for the 3-day either sex October muzzleloader season remains at 1.

The Junior Deer Hunting Day Deer Bag Limit in Region B has been Increased

Junior Deer Hunting Day deer bag limits in Region B have been increased to 3 deer with no more than 1 being an antlered deer.

LICENSES, STAMPS AND PERMITS

Term

Hunting licenses are valid from the date of issue to July 31, 2005, except the nonresident 3-day waterfowl and small game license.

Hunter Education and Safety Requirement

To purchase a hunting license or hunt in Maryland, state law requires:

- Presentation of a Certificate of Competency in Firearms and Hunting Safety (required for junior licenses), or
- Certification that you held a hunting license issued prior to July 1, 1977, or
- Certification that you hunted on private property prior to July 1, 1977, and were legally exempt from purchasing a hunting license, or
- Certification that you are purchasing a nonresident license and will only hunt waterfowl.

Note: RESIDENT Junior Hunters (under 16 years of age) will be entitled to a one-time FREE annual hunting license, bow stamp, and

Licenses, Stamps and Permits -continued-

muzzleloader stamp upon successful completion of a Hunter Safety and Education course, available at DNR Licensing and Registration Service Centers only. See page 24.

Full Season Hunting License

Allows you to hunt or trap all legal game birds and mammals in season without the need for additional stamps, except: (1) deer during bow season; (2) deer during muzzleloader season; and (3) migratory game birds. A Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp may also be used with these licenses.

Resident Regular Hunting License...\$24.50

(Age 16 to 64)

Resident Junior Hunting License...\$10.50

(Under 16 years of age, written permission from parent or guardian required)

Resident Senior Hunting License...\$5.00

(Age 65 and above, may purchase in the calendar year in which a resident attains the age of 65.)

Holders of Senior Lifetime Consolidated Licenses

This license type has been eliminated, but persons who already have this license are "grandfathered" and do not need to purchase the Senior Hunting License, Bow or Muzzleloader Stamps. However, they must buy a Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp to hunt a bonus antlered deer or a Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp to hunt migratory game birds.

Nonresident Hunting License...\$130.00 or reciprocal (see chart)

(Nonresidents of Maryland must present a valid driver's license or voter's card, or resident hunting license to establish residency. Nonresidents under the age of 16 must also have written permission from a parent or legal guardian.)

Reciprocal Nonresident Hunting License Fees

Delaware.....	\$86
Pennsylvania.....	\$101
Virginia.....	\$140
West Virginia.....	\$135

Short Term License

Nonresident 3-Day Waterfowl and Small Game License...\$45.00

Allows nonresidents of Maryland to hunt all legal game, except deer and turkey, for 3 consecutive legal hunting days. Migratory Game Bird Stamp required to hunt migratory game birds.

Other Licenses

Nonresident Trapping License...\$24.50 or reciprocal

This license is required for nonresidents to trap in Maryland. Contact: Permits Coordinator, DNR Wildlife & Heritage Service, Tawes State Office Building E-1, 580 Taylor Ave., Annapolis, MD 21401, 410-260-8540.

Regulated Shooting Area Hunting License...\$6.00

Allows you to hunt approved pen-reared birds on a licensed Regulated Shooting Area. This license cannot be used to hunt wild or free-flying pen-reared waterfowl on a Regulated Shooting Area. This license is not required if you have a valid resident or nonresident hunting license. A Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp is required to hunt pen-reared mallards.

Stationary Blind, Blind Site License...\$20.00

See page 16, Offshore Duck Blind Laws.

Stamps

Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp...\$9.00

This stamp is required for all migratory game bird hunters (doves, rails, coots, snipe, woodcock and waterfowl), including persons not required to have a hunting license and holders of senior hunting licenses. Migratory game bird hunters are no longer required to sign and attach the Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp to their license. Hunters must now possess the printed receipt showing proof of purchase of the Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp

while hunting migratory game birds. The Harvest Information Program (HIP) permit (see page 16) is issued in conjunction with the Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp. Hunters are still required to sign and attach the Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp to their license.

Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp...\$15.00

This stamp is required for all waterfowl hunters, including those who are not required to purchase a hunting license, except those under the age of 16. After purchase, sign stamp and attach to license.

Bow Stamp*

Required to hunt deer during Bow Season with valid hunting license. This includes crossbows.

Resident Bow Stamp...\$6.00

Nonresident Bow Stamp...\$25.00

Muzzleloader Stamp*

Required to hunt deer during Muzzleloader Season with valid hunting license. This includes bowhunters that hunt with vertical bows and crossbows during the Muzzleloader Season.

Resident Muzzleloader Stamp...\$6.00

Nonresident Muzzleloader Stamp...\$25.00

Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp*

A Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp allows you to take one (1) additional antlered white-tailed deer for each Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp purchased within the established bag limits for a given Deer Management Region. See pages 11-14. Bonus Antlered Deer Stamps must be purchased prior to pursuing a bonus antlered deer.

Resident Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp...\$10.00

Nonresident Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp...\$25.00

*Hunters entitled to hunt without a license do not need to purchase Bow, Muzzleloader, or Bonus Antlered Deer Stamps. Hunters with a Senior Lifetime License do not need to purchase Bow or Muzzleloader Stamps but must purchase Bonus Antlered Deer Stamps to take bonus deer.

Purchasing Your Maryland Hunting Licenses or Stamps

Licenses and stamps are available by applying in person at any DNR Sport License Agent. Call any DNR Licensing and Registration Service Center listed on page 24 for the location of an agent near you or visit our On-Line Service Center at <http://dnr.maryland.gov>. They can also be obtained in person or by mail at DNR Licensing and Registration Service Centers. Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps are available at post offices and National Wildlife Refuges, or by calling 1-800-STAMP24 (782-6724).

To Apply By Mail

You may obtain a Hunting License Application by calling or visiting a DNR Licensing and Registration Service Center or from the DNR On-Line Service Center using <http://dnr.maryland.gov>. Complete all applicable sections and mail it with the appropriate fee to any DNR Licensing and Registration Service Center. Applicants for nonresident licenses are required to submit a copy of their driver's license, voter registration card or home state hunting/trapping license.

To Obtain a Replacement License

You may obtain a Replacement Hunting License by visiting a DNR Licensing and Registration Service Center. Replacement licenses may also be obtained by mail. Call any DNR Licensing and Registration Service Center for an application. See page 24, or the DNR On-Line Service Center using <http://dnr.maryland.gov>. Deer and migratory game bird stamps must be repurchased at full cost.

Who May Hunt and Trap Without a License?

It is unlawful to hunt or trap without a valid hunting or trapping license in your possession unless you are exempt from this requirement as described in this section. You are not required to possess a hunting or trapping license or stamps (except the Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp and the Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp) if you are:

- A resident of Maryland who owns property and who hunts or traps only on that property. This also applies to the owner's spouse, children and the children's spouses. You do not need to live on the property but must be able to prove ownership.
- A person who: (1) holds land under lease for agricultural purposes (or a sharecropper); and (2) lives on this farmland; and (3) hunts or traps only on this farmland. If they live on this farmland, this exception also applies to the lessee's spouse, children and the children's spouses. This does not include any employee of the lessee.
- A nonresident owner whose primary residence is on of a parcel of farmland that is located in Maryland and an adjacent State and if the adjacent State extends similar privileges to a Maryland resident. This also applies to the owner's spouse, children and children's spouses.
- A Maryland resident serving in the United States Armed Forces while on official leave in Maryland (whether stationed in Maryland or outside Maryland). You must possess a copy of official leave orders while hunting. See *Hunters in the Armed Forces* in the following text.
- An unarmed person participating in fox chasing.

NOTE: Nonresidents of Maryland who own property in the state and hunt on that property are required to purchase a Nonresident Hunting License. Individuals who are exempt from Maryland hunting license requirements are subject to all state and federal laws and regulations relative to hunting and trapping.

Special Permits for Hunters With Disabilities Hunt From a Vehicle Permit

Hunters with mobility impairments may obtain a special permit so they may hunt from a vehicle. Applications are available from DNR Regional Wildlife & Heritage Service Offices. See page 23. A physician must certify your permit application. See *Guide to Public Hunting Lands* section of this booklet or visit the DNR website at <http://dnr.maryland.gov> for public hunting areas that can assist hunters with mobility impairments.

Crossbow Permits

A special permit may be obtained to hunt with a crossbow if you cannot operate a bow due to a physical disability. Applications are available from DNR Regional Wildlife & Heritage Service Offices or online at: <http://dnr.maryland.gov>. A physician must certify your permit application.

Hunters in the Armed Forces

- Maryland residents serving in the United States Armed Forces and stationed in Maryland must purchase a Resident Hunting License before hunting, unless they are on official leave and possess a copy of their official leave orders. Maryland residents serving in the United States Armed Forces, while on official leave in Maryland, do not need to purchase a hunting license or stamps, except a Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp to hunt migratory game birds. You must possess a copy of your official leave orders while hunting.
- Any nonresident serving in the United States Armed Forces stationed in Maryland must purchase a Resident Hunting License before hunting. Any nonresident serving in the United States Armed Forces who is on leave in Maryland, but not stationed in Maryland, must purchase a Nonresident Hunting License before hunting.

Complimentary Hunting Licenses

Complimentary Hunting Licenses for Maryland residents are available upon certifying that you are a former prisoner of war or an American veteran with 100 percent service-related disability. Contact a DNR Licensing and Registration Service Office. See page 24. Holders of Complimentary Hunting Licenses must purchase a Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp to hunt migratory game birds and a bonus antlered deer stamp to take additional antlered deer.

GENERAL HUNTING REGULATIONS

In addition to the regulations listed elsewhere in this guide, IT IS UNLAWFUL TO:

- Hunt or trap on private land without written permission of the landowner.
- Hunt any game bird or mammal on Sunday with the exception of: 1) a person who possesses a Falconry Permit, who may hunt specified game birds and mammals on Sundays during the open season; 2) an unarmed person participating in an organized fox chase, who may chase foxes on Sundays; 3) persons hunting on Regulated Shooting Areas may hunt certain pen-reared game birds on Sundays; and 4) a person may hunt white-tailed or sika deer on Sunday, November 7, 2004 and Sunday, November 28, 2004 on private land in Allegany, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Garrett, Kent, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Talbot, and Washington Counties.
- Hunt any animal other than deer on the first day of Deer Firearms Season, November 27, 2004, except sea ducks in the Sea Duck and Offshore Waterfowl Hunting Zones.
- Have a loaded firearm in or on a vehicle. This includes ammunition in the magazine.
- Shoot on, from or across any public road.
- Hunt or shoot at wildlife within 150 yards of an occupied structure or camp without permission of the owner or occupant.
- Cast the rays of an artificial light from a vehicle on woods, fields, orchards, livestock, wild mammals or birds, dwellings or buildings. However, in Baltimore City, Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, a person may cast the rays of an artificial light from a vehicle for the sole purpose of observing or photographing wildlife until 9:00 P.M. A person may not have a weapon in his possession while casting rays of artificial light. Note: raccoon, fox, coyote, or opossum may be hunted on foot at nighttime during open season with the use of a dog or light, or both.
- Target shoot on state lands except in designated areas.
- Construct or use permanent tree stands on state-owned or controlled properties.
- Trap on state lands without written permission from the controlling agency.
- Hunt without a form of positive identification, such as a drivers license, other photo identification or a secondary form of positive identification.
- Note: The woodchuck and nutria are classified as "unprotected mammals." As such, a hunting license is not required to hunt woodchucks and nutria except in Baltimore and Frederick Counties. Woodchucks and nutria may be hunted throughout the year, including on Sundays. Hunters must wear fluorescent orange while hunting woodchucks. All legal hunting devices may be used to hunt woodchucks and nutria.

FIREARMS, BOW, AND FALCONRY REGULATIONS

Shotgun Regulations

Shotguns may be used to hunt upland and forest game, woodchuck, fox, coyote, opossum, nutria, fisher, raccoon, skunk and migratory game birds, with the restriction that the magazine and chamber must be capable of holding no more than 3 shells total except for deer hunting, where the number of shells is restricted to 8.

- Shotguns larger than 10 gauge may not be used to hunt waterfowl and coots.
- Nontoxic shot larger than No. T (.20 inches in diameter) may not be used to hunt waterfowl and coots.
- The possession or use of lead shot ammunition while hunting waterfowl or coots is prohibited.
- Deer hunters using shotguns must use a pumpkin ball, rifled slug or sabot. Buckshot may not be used to hunt deer except in Dorchester County, where #1 size buckshot or larger may be used. The use of shotguns smaller than 20 gauge for deer hunting is not permitted.
- A person hunting turkey during the spring season shall be restricted to using shot no larger than #4 and no smaller than #6.

Rifle Regulations

- It is unlawful to hunt with an automatic firearm capable of firing a series of shots with one continuous pull of the trigger.
- Rifles used for deer hunting must use ammunition developing a muzzle energy of at least 1,200 foot pounds.
- Firearms used for deer hunting may not have an ammunition clip loaded with more than 8 cartridges or bullets. If a clip has the capacity to hold more than 8 rounds, the clip does not have to be physically blocked, but no more than 8 cartridges or bullets may be loaded.
- Rifles may be used to hunt upland game (except dove and woodcock) and forest game (except turkey during the spring season), crow, woodchuck, nutria and certain furbearing species.
- It is only lawful to hunt with ammunition of soft point (expanding) construction. All military, full metal jacketed, incendiary or tracer bullets are prohibited.
- Breech-loading rifles may not be used to hunt deer in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Charles, Frederick (in that portion of Frederick County lying south of a line beginning at the Washington/Frederick County line at US Rt. 40 and continuing on Rt. 40 east to Harmony Road, proceeding south on Harmony Road to I-70, following I-70 east through Frederick County), Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's and Talbot Counties or in Worcester County as follows: (1) within one mile of any school, (2) within that portion of South Point lying south of a line beginning at the west end of the Sinepuxent Bay Bridge on State Rt. 611, then by and with the south side of Rt. 611 to the junction of the South Point Road going south for a distance of .6 miles to a point opposite the southern boundary of the Ocean City Golf and Yacht Club property on the west side of the road, then by the southern boundary of the Ocean City Golf and Yacht Club to Trappe Creek and (3) within that portion of the land lying south of a line beginning at the mouth of the St. Martin River northwest to the junction with Shingle Landing Road, then by and with the south side of Shingle Landing Road to the junction with State Rt. 113, then by and with the east side of Rt. 113 to the junction with Rt. 589, then by and with the east side of Rt. 589 to the junction with US Rt. 50, then by and with the north side of Rt. 50 to

the junction with Assawoman Bay, then by and with the west boundary of Assawoman Bay to the junction with the St. Martin River.

Muzzleloader Regulations

- Muzzleloading rifles and shotguns may be used to hunt upland game (shotgun only for dove and woodcock), forest game, woodchuck, fox, coyote, opossum, nutria, fisher, skunk and raccoon. Muzzleloading rifles may not be used to hunt turkey during the spring season.
- Muzzleloaders used for deer hunting must be at least .40 caliber in size and use not less than 60 grains of black powder (or a black powder equivalent) and propel one all-lead, lead alloy or copper soft-nosed or expanding bullet or ball at a single discharge. Sabot loads are legal.
- It is permissible to hunt deer with a muzzleloading rifle or shotgun in all counties. Telescopic sights may be used on a muzzleloader during Firearms or Muzzleloader Seasons statewide.
- Flintlock, percussion cap, and inline ignition muzzleloaders are legal hunting devices. To be considered a muzzleloader, a rifle, shotgun or handgun must be loaded from the muzzle, and a revolver must be loaded from the front of the cylinder.

Handgun Regulations

Modern and muzzleloading handguns may be used to hunt upland game (except dove and woodcock) and forest game (except turkey), woodchuck, fox, coyote, opossum, nutria, fisher, skunk and raccoon. However, modern handguns may be used to hunt deer only in those counties where the use of a breech-loading rifle for deer hunting is permitted with the exception that modern handguns may be used to hunt deer throughout Frederick County. Any modern handgun used for deer hunting must be capable of developing a muzzle energy of 700 or more foot pounds and have a barrel length of 6 inches or more. Muzzleloading handguns (both single shot and revolvers) may be used to hunt deer in all counties. Muzzleloading handguns used for deer hunting must be at least .40 caliber in size with a barrel length of at least 6 inches and use not less than 40 grains of black powder (or a black powder equivalent) and propel one all-lead, lead alloy or copper soft-nosed or expanding bullet or ball at a single discharge. Contact the Maryland State Police for information about handgun purchase, possession, transport and use in non-hunting activities.

Vertical Bow Regulations

Vertical bows (recurve, compound, or straight limb) may be used to hunt woodchucks, nutria, and all game birds and game mammals, including migratory game birds, with the exception of muskrat, mink, long-tailed weasel, river otter and beaver. Any vertical bow used for hunting must be hand-held, hand-drawn and held in drawn position by hand. Release aids are permitted. The use of poisoned arrows is not permitted. For hunting deer, the vertical bow shall have a full draw and pull of not less than 30 pounds. The use of draw-lock devices for vertical bows is permitted during any season for which the crossbow is legal. Anyone who is authorized to use a crossbow by special permit can also use a draw-lock device on a vertical bow.

Crossbow Regulations

Crossbows may be used to hunt deer only; with the exception of special crossbow permits for disabled hunters (see page 7) who may pursue all game legal for a vertical bow. The crossbow shall have a draw of not less than 75 pounds and the use of telescopic sights is permitted. Deer hunting with a crossbow during the Deer Bow Season is limited to the following dates in accordance with the Deer Bow Season regulations: October 1-15, 2004 and January 15-31, 2005.

Any hunter who is 65 years of age or older or possesses a Resident Senior Hunting License can hunt deer with a crossbow in all Maryland deer hunting seasons. Hunters with physical disabilities that prevent them from using a traditional bow may apply for a special crossbow permit to hunt deer during the bow season. See page 7 for further information.

Regulations Pertaining to Both Vertical Bows and Crossbows

- Arrows for vertical bows and crossbows must have a sharpened broadhead with a metal cutting surface having a minimum width of 7/8 of an inch.
- The vertical bow and crossbow may be used for hunting deer during the Deer Firearms Season and Muzzleloader Season, in accordance with Firearms and Muzzleloader Season regulations.
- Firearms may not be carried while hunting deer during the Bow Season.

Falconry Regulations

- Hunting with birds of prey is permitted one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset, Sunday through Saturday. Waterfowl may not be hunted on Sunday.
- To hunt with birds of prey, a hunter must have a valid hunting license and a Falconry Permit.
- Possession of birds of prey is closely regulated by federal and state law.
- While hunting game birds and mammals during the open season using birds of prey, a hunter is not required to wear fluorescent orange. However, hunters are encouraged to wear fluorescent orange whenever they are afield.
- A Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp and a Falconry Permit are required to hunt migratory game birds.

For more information, contact Permits Coordinator, DNR Wildlife & Heritage Service, Tawes State Office Building E-1, 580 Taylor Ave., Annapolis, MD 21401, 410-260-8540.

FLUORESCENT ORANGE

Fluorescent orange (hunter orange) promotes hunting safety because it is a color not found in nature. Hunters are encouraged to wear it for their protection and the safety of other people whenever hunters are afield. Fluorescent orange must be worn by all people who:

- Hunt any wildlife or;
- Accompany, aid or assist a hunter in a field, wooded area, marsh, or on the water. Whenever hunting, both hunters and companions shall wear either:
 - 6 A cap of solid daylight fluorescent orange color;
 - 6 A vest, jacket, or jacket containing back and front panels of at least 250 square inches of solid fluorescent orange color or;
 - 6 An outer garment of camouflage fluorescent orange worn above the waist which contains at least 50% fluorescent orange color.

NOTE: Bowhunters hunting during the Deer Firearms or Deer Muzzleloader Seasons are required to wear fluorescent orange. The following persons are exempt from the requirement of wearing fluorescent orange (but are still encouraged to wear it when hunting):

- Property owners who hunt any wildlife on their own property with or without a hunting license;
- A person who hunts deer with a bow during the season restricted to hunting with a bow;
- A person who hunts or accompanies, aids or assists another

person hunting the following species: brant, coot, ducks, geese, mergansers, rails, snipe, furbearing mammals, crow, dove or wild turkey;

- A person who hunts game birds or mammals during open season using falcons, hawks or owls.

INTERFERENCE WITH HUNTERS

Section 10-422(b) of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Natural Resources Article "Interference with Hunters:"

Prohibited Acts- While on private land that is owned by another person or in a hunting area on land managed by DNR, a person may not: (1) Interfere intentionally with the lawful taking of wildlife by another person; or (2) Harass, drive, or disturb any game animal intentionally for the purpose of disrupting a lawful hunt.

HUNTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

In General

It is unlawful to hunt on private lands in all counties without written permission of the landowner or the landowner's lessee.

Liability

Any person hunting on private property shall be liable for any damage caused by that person to private property while hunting. The landowner may not be liable for accidental injury or damage to the hunter, whether or not the landowner or the landowner's agent or lessee has given permission to hunt. For additional information regarding landowner liability in Maryland, contact your local Cooperative Extension Agent (listed in the telephone blue pages) and request Bulletin #357, Recreational Access and Landowner Liability in Maryland.

Permission Required to Hunt or Trap

In all counties, written permission is required from the property owner to hunt on private property. Written permission is required from the property owner to trap on private and public lands in all counties.

Controlling Hunter Use of Private Property

Posting property boundaries in a conspicuous manner makes it illegal to trespass or for any person to enter without the landowner's permission. Maryland law allows the use of blue paint stripes, as well as signs, to indicate private property boundaries. Vertical paint marks at least 2 inches in width and 8 inches in length must be centered at least 3 feet, but no more than 6 feet, from the ground or water surface. The paint must be oil-based and bright blue.

Reporting Violations

While hunting on private property, watch for trespassers and game law violations. If you see a violation, don't confront the person yourself. Get as much information as possible, write it down and call your local Maryland Natural Resources Police office (see page 23), the Catch A Poacher Hotline 1-800-635-6124, or 410-260-8888. Also, report all trespassers to the landowner. The future of hunting rests with ethical, law-abiding hunters. Hunters must police their ranks to minimize hunting law violations. Remember that every hunter pays for the improper actions of a few.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Maryland offers Hunter Education and Boating Courses throughout the state. Get information about these courses from any Natural Resources Police regional office (see page 23) or the Natural Resources Police Safety Education Division.*

Persons required to complete the Hunter Education Course must present their Certificate of Competency in Firearms and Hunter

Hunter Education -continued-

Safety to purchase a license. For a replacement certificate, submit in writing: your name, address, date of birth, where you took the course and the date of the course to the:

*Safety Education Division, Maryland Natural Resources Police, 1804 West Street, Suite 300, Annapolis, MD 21401; 410-260-3280. Visit the DNR website at <http://dnr.maryland.gov> for updated listings of Hunter Education Courses (see page 5 for Maryland's hunter education requirements) and information on boating courses.

JUNIOR HUNTING

Hunters 16 years of age or younger may participate in the following two events if the individual possesses a valid hunting license or is exempt from Maryland hunting license requirements.

Deer Hunt- November 13, 2004

Turkey Hunt- April 16, 2005

Hunters 15 years of age or younger may participate in the following event if the individual possesses a valid hunting license or is exempt from Maryland hunting license requirements. The individual must possess a Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp.

Waterfowl Hunt- Date to be announced

All hunters participating in these events must be accompanied in the field by an individual who is 21 years old or older, possesses a valid Maryland hunting license, or is exempt from hunting license requirements and is not afield with a firearm, bow or other hunting device.

CROSSBOW SAFETY TIPS

- Maximum effective range is 40 yards.
- Know exactly where the arrow will hit before you pull the trigger (practice, practice, practice).
- Never walk or climb a tree with a crossbow cocked and loaded with an arrow.
- Always use manufacturer recommended arrow weights.
- Practice with the same type broadhead you plan to hunt with.
- Keep your fingers and thumb down on the crossbow forearm out of the path of travel for the string and cables.
- Always identify your target and background before you shoot.
- Never shoot if there is a doubt about the shot.
- Never shoot if the animal is alert and excited.
- Carry a field point tipped arrow in your quiver to uncock the crossbow at the end of the hunt by shooting this arrow into soft ground.

TREE STAND SAFETY TIPS

The tree stand is one of the most popular pieces of deer hunting equipment. Tree stands can be dangerous if they are used incorrectly or carelessly. Nationally, one in three hunting injuries involves a tree stand. Accidental falls from tree stands can have a variety of causes including failure of the stand itself and incorrect installation. Hunters may fall asleep while on their tree stands, or may be injured while handling a loaded firearm during the process of climbing in and out of their stands.

Safety Precautions

- Never carry equipment with you while climbing. Use a haul line to raise or lower your gear. Make sure guns and crossbows are unloaded and broadheads are covered prior to raising or lowering firearms, crossbows, or bows with a haul line.
- Always use a climbing belt when climbing up or down a tree. Use a safety harness when hunting from elevated tree stands. Study manufacturer's recommendations before using any equipment. Never use a rope to replace a safety harness.
- Check permanent tree stands every year before hunting from

them. Replace any worn or weak lumber.

- Read, understand and follow the factory recommended practices and procedures when installing commercial stands. Inspect portable stands for loose nuts and bolts before each use.
- Choose only healthy, living trees when using climbing devices. Rough-barked trees such as oak are best. Do not use a tree that is rotten or has dead limbs.
- Never put all your weight on a single branch. Keep at least one hand and one foot on a secure place when reaching for the next hold.
- Climb higher than the stand and step down onto it. Climbing up onto it can dislodge it.
- Wear boots with non-skid soles, because steps or platforms can be slippery in rain, sleet or snow.
- Tell a dependable person where you're hunting and when you plan to return. Map your whereabouts and leave a note at camp, at home or in your vehicle so that you can be found.
- If sleepy, move your arms rapidly until you feel alert.
- Never wear a ring while climbing. Rings can catch on tree limbs and equipment.
- As a precautionary measure, clear all debris from the ground below the tree stand.
- Use updated equipment. Newer tree stand equipment is solid, safe and secure. Updated safety harnesses offer more protection than older ones.
- Carry a whistle to call for help and carry a first aid kit, flashlight and cellular telephone in a fanny pack.

FIREARMS SAFETY TIPS

- Treat every gun as if it were loaded. Watch the muzzle! Prepare to control the direction of the muzzle even if you stumble.
- Be sure the barrel and action are clear of obstructions and that you have only ammunition of the proper size for the gun you are carrying.
- Be sure of your target and what is beyond it before you pull the trigger; know identifying features of the game you hunt.
- Unload guns when not in use. Take down or have actions open. Guns should be carried in cases to the shooting area.
- Never point a gun at anything you don't want to shoot or kill. Do not play with a firearm.
- Never climb a tree or jump a ditch with a loaded gun. Never pull the gun toward you by the muzzle.
- Never shoot a bullet at flat, hard surfaces or water.
- Store guns and ammunition separately, beyond the reach of children and careless adults. Use trigger locks.
- Avoid alcoholic beverages and medications that cause drowsiness before or during use of a firearm.

BOATING SAFETY TIPS

Capsizing and falling overboard into chilly waters are major hazards for hunters on the water. During the majority of the hunting seasons, Maryland waters are cold enough to pose a serious hypothermia threat. Nationwide, 70 percent of all boating fatalities are the result of drowning. Almost 90 percent of the victims were not wearing Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs). As a responsible hunter, you need to be aware of the dangers and follow a few simple rules to make your hunt a safer and more enjoyable experience. Those rules are:

- Leave a float plan with someone at home, describing where you are going, who you are with and when you expect to return.

- Always wear an approved and properly fitted PFD when in a boat.
- Know the weather forecast for the area. Keep an AM radio handy for the latest updates.
- Never overload your boat.
- Always stay seated when shooting from an open boat.
- Never anchor from the stern.
- If an accident occurs, STAY WITH THE BOAT.
- Unless the clothing is creating a hazard, do not remove extra clothing. It can help prevent hypothermia.
- All accidents cannot be prevented, but by following these few simple rules, you can greatly improve your chances of survival should an accident occur.

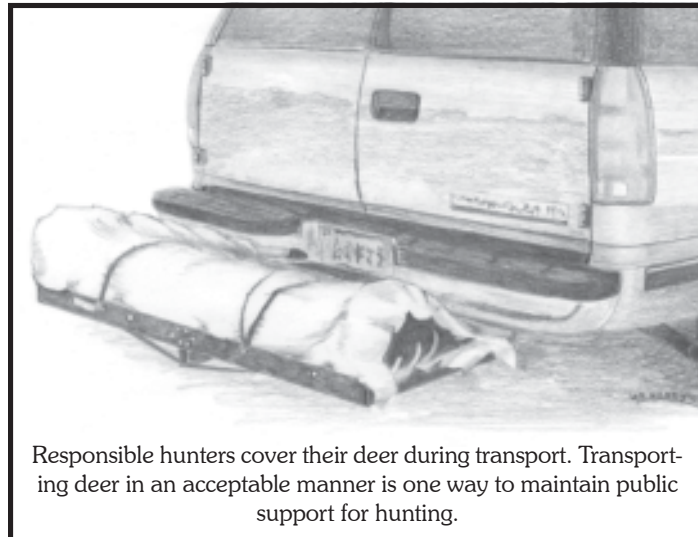
Potomac River Regulations and Safety Tips

- A person aboard a vessel, raft or tube shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard Approved Type I, II, III or V personal flotation device at all times while underway on the upper Potomac River during the period beginning at 12:01 a.m. each November 15 and ending at 12 midnight each succeeding May 15.
- Remember - the river currents are strong and unpredictable, especially after heavy rains.
- Wading should not be attempted when the river levels are higher than normal.

RESPONSIBLE HUNTERS

Responsible Hunters:

- Learn and practice safe hunting techniques.
- Hunt fairly.
- Know the capabilities and limitations of their hunting devices and use them safely.
- Obey and support all wildlife laws and report all violations.
- Respect the land and landowner and always obtain permission before hunting.
- Avoid knowingly interfering with another hunter and respect the right of others to lawfully share the outdoors.
- Value the hunting experience and appreciate the beauty of the animal.
- Positively identify their target.
- Share responsible hunting with others and work for the future of deer hunting in Maryland.
- Cover their deer during transport. Transporting deer in an acceptable manner is one way to maintain public support for hunting.
- Dispose of carcasses appropriately.



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DEER REGULATIONS

DNR's long-term goals for deer are to ensure the present and future well-being of deer and their habitat; maintain deer populations at levels necessary to ensure compatibility with human land uses and natural communities; encourage and promote the recreational use and enjoyment of the deer resource; inform and educate Maryland citizens about deer biology, management options and the impacts that deer have on landscapes and people. Both native white-tailed deer and exotic sika deer populations are managed through legally established hunting seasons.

Hunting Hours

One half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset.

Licensing and Stamp Requirements

A Regular Hunting License, Junior Hunting License, Senior Hunting License or Nonresident Hunting License is required to hunt deer with a firearm. In addition to a hunting license, bow deer hunters must purchase a Bow Stamp and muzzleloader deer hunters must purchase a Muzzleloader Stamp. Hunters entitled to hunt without a license do not need to purchase Bow, Muzzleloader, or Bonus Antlered Deer Stamps. Hunters with a Senior Lifetime License do not need to purchase Bow or Muzzleloader Stamps but must purchase Bonus Antlered Deer Stamps to take bonus antlered deer.

Bonus Antlered Deer Stamps

A Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp is required by all license holders to take a second antlered deer for each deer management region and season. For example, a deer hunter must purchase a Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp before attempting to take a second antlered deer with a firearm in Region B. Bonus Stamps are not required to take antlerless deer.

Daily Limit

In all counties, there is no restriction that applies to the number of deer that may be taken per day within the season bag limits unless otherwise specified.

Legal Hunting Devices

See Firearms, Bow, & Falconry regulations, pages 8 and 9.

Deer Tagging and Checking Requirements

A field tag must be filled out and attached to the deer before moving it from the place of kill. Field tags are provided with this publication. In cases where a hunter does not need a hunting license or stamp or is in need of field tags, the hunter must make a tag which includes the hunter's name, license number (if applicable), date, county and Deer Management Region (see map on page 12) where the deer is taken. The carcass may be field dressed but the head and hide may not be removed nor the meat cut into parts until the animal has been checked at a checking station. All deer harvested must be taken to a designated checking station by the hunter harvesting the deer in the county where killed, or in an adjacent county, before the deer is taken out of the county, or adjacent county, and within 24 hours after the kill. See pages 24-26 for checking stations. If no checking stations are open in the county of harvest or adjacent county, a hunter may call the Natural Resources Police (NRP) to receive verbal approval to check the deer in another county. NRP phone numbers are found on page 23. The call must be made and the deer checked in within 24 hours of the kill. A possession tag will be provided to a hunter when they check their deer at a Deer and Turkey Checking Station. This possession tag is proof that they legally acquired the deer, and any meat, head, hide, or antlers, from the deer. The possession tag must be kept with the meat and any deer parts until they are consumed or disposed of properly. The taxidermy portion of the possession tag must remain with any mounted taxidermy specimen.

Deer Regulations -continued-

Dogs

Dogs cannot be used to hunt deer except trained tracking dogs may be used to find dead, wounded or injured deer. The dog handler must maintain physical control of the tracking dog at all times and only the hunter and dog handler may carry a firearm or bow while tracking the deer. Prior to tracking the deer, the hunter must notify by telephone or in person the local regional Natural Resources Police office. See page 23. If the nearest regional office is unavailable, the hunter must notify the DNR Communication Center. See page 23 for Assistance phone number. The hunter may dispatch the deer only during legal shooting hours and by means legal for the current hunting season.

Deer in Water

Deer may not be hunted while they are swimming or taking refuge in water.

Fallow Deer

Fallow deer may be taken in place of white-tailed deer during each of the seasons. Fallow deer have escaped from captivity and are found in a few isolated areas in Maryland.

Sika Deer

Sika deer season dates are the same as white-tailed deer season dates with two exceptions. Sika deer may not be hunted with a muzzleloader during the October 25-30 segment of the white-tailed deer early muzzleloader season. In addition, sika deer may not be

hunted with a firearm during the January 7 and 8 firearm season. Sika deer bag limits are independent of the white-tailed deer bag limits. Sika deer may be hunted only in Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties.

Baiting Deer

Baiting deer is legal, except on state-owned or state-controlled properties.

Antlered Deer Definition

An antlered white-tailed deer is a deer with two or more points to one antler, or a deer with one antler three or more inches long, measuring from the top of the skull as the deer is in life.

An antlered sika deer is a sika deer with at least one antler visible above the hairline.

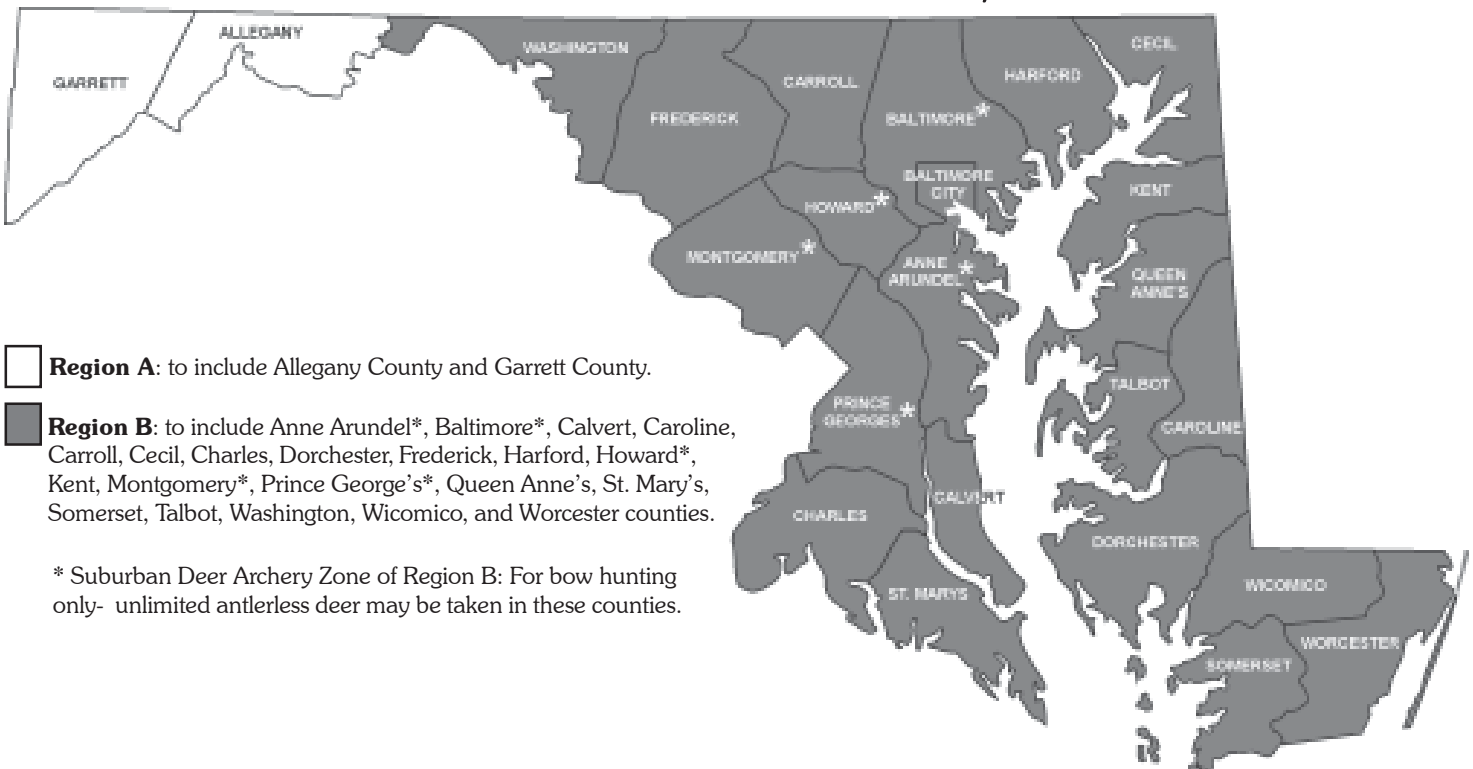
Deer Seasons & Bag Limits

Maryland has two "Deer Management Regions." See Deer Management Region map, this page. Independent deer bag limits have been established for each region. The number of deer that a hunter can take in one region will not affect the hunter's bag limit in the other region. Deer seasons and bag limits for each Deer Management Region are located on pages 13-14.

Sunday Hunting

A person may hunt white-tailed or sika deer on Sunday, November 7, 2004 and Sunday, November 28, 2004 on private land in Allegany, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Garrett, Kent, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Talbot, and Washington Counties.

DEER MANAGEMENT REGIONS/ZONES MAP



MARYLAND TROPHY DEER CONTEST

The 2004 Maryland Trophy Deer Contest recognizes the "top" deer in each county taken during the 2002-2003 deer hunting seasons for the Maryland State Record Book. Highest scoring bucks (typical and nontypical) are recognized for each white-tailed deer season (Bow, Firearm and Muzzleloader). The Boone and Crockett method of scoring is used. A separate category for sika deer is also held. The 2004 contest will be held at the Frederick Sports Expo on August 13, 14, 15, 2004. The Frederick Sports Expo is located at the Frederick County Fairgrounds in Frederick, Maryland. The event is cosponsored by the Maryland Bowhunters Society and the DNR Wildlife & Heritage Service. For more information regarding the time and location of the 2004 contest contact Mr. Walter "Tinker" Johnson at 301-349-2413. For additional information contact Mr. Johnson, or DNR at 410-543-6595.

DEER SEASONS & BAG LIMITS

Region A

Garrett and Allegany Counties

Region A White-tailed Deer Bow Season 2004-2005

Dates	<i>Only 1 antlered deer may be taken within the total bag limit.</i>	2 Deer Total Bag Limit
Sept.15- Oct. 20 Oct. 25- Nov. 26 Dec.13- Dec.17 Jan.3- Jan. 31	Antlered or Antlerless	
SPECIAL REGULATION FOR OCTOBER 28-30 AND NOVEMBER 13: (1) Bowhunters must wear fluorescent orange; (2) Any deer taken with a bow on these dates must count towards the Bow Season Bag Limits.		
Crossbows are legal for all hunters during the October 1-15, 2004 and January 15-31, 2005 segments of the Deer Bow Season.		
SUNDAY DEER HUNTING: Deer Bow Season is open on Sunday November 7, 2004 in Allegany and Garrett counties on private land only.		

Region A White-tailed Deer Firearms Season 2004-2005

Dates	<i>Only 1 antlered deer may be taken within the total bag limit.</i>	2 Deer Total Bag Limit
Nov.13 Junior Hunt*	Antlered or Antlerless (Only 1 deer may be taken on this day.)	
Nov. 27- Dec. 9	Antlered Only	
Dec. 10- Dec. 11	Antlered or Antlerless	
* Hunters age 16 or younger only; must be accompanied by a licensed (or exempt from license requirement) unarmed adult age 21 or older.		
SUNDAY DEER HUNTING: Deer Firearm Season is open on Sunday November 28, 2004 in Allegany and Garrett counties on private land only.		

Region A White-tailed Deer Muzzleloader Season 2004-2005

<i>Only 1 antlered deer may be taken within the total bag limit.</i>			2 Deer Total Bag Limit
DNR PUBLIC LANDS			
Dates	Antlered Only		
Oct.21-Oct.23	(Only 1 deer may be taken during these dates)		
Dec.18-Dec. 30	Antlered Only		
Dec.31-Jan. 1	Antlered or Antlerless		
ALL OTHER LANDS			
Dates	Antlered or Antlerless		
Oct.21-Oct.23	(Only 1 deer may be taken during these dates)		
Oct.28-Oct.30	Antlerless Only		
Dec.18-Dec. 24	Antlered Only		
Dec.25-Jan. 1	Antlered or Antlerless		

Region A DNR Public Lands include: Billmeyer-Belle Grove WMA, Dan's Mountain WMA, Deep Creek Lake State Park (Designated Areas Only), Green Ridge State Forest, Mount Nebo WMA, Potomac-Garrett State Forest, Rocky Gap State Park (Designated Areas Only), Savage River State Forest, Sideling Hill WMA (Allegany County Only), Warrior Mountain WMA, Youghiogheny Reservoir CWMA and Youghiogheny Scenic Wild River.

ADVICE TO HUNTERS CONCERNING CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD)

Chronic wasting disease is a naturally occurring disease of the brain and nervous system in deer and elk. CWD belongs to the family of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSE) that attacks the brain of deer and elk, producing small lesions that eventually result in death. Concerns over CWD shouldn't stop you from enjoying the hunting season. CWD has not been found in Maryland, the northeastern states, or the southeastern states and has not been shown to be transmissible to humans. However, hunters field-dressing or butchering deer should take the same precautions as they might to protect against other pathogens or diseases.

The following common-sense precautionary measures are recommended for the safe handling, field-dressing and home processing of venison:

- Avoid shooting or handling a deer that appears sick.
- Wear latex or rubber gloves when field-dressing or butchering deer.
- Remove all internal organs.
- Bone the deer (remove the meat from the bones and spinal column).
- Do not use household knives or utensils.
- Avoid cutting through bones or the spinal column (backbone).
- Never eat a deer's brain, eyeballs, spinal cord, spleen, or lymph nodes.
- If you saw off antlers or through a bone, or if you sever the spinal column with a knife, be sure to disinfect these tools prior to using them for the butchering or removal of meat.
- Remove all fat, membranes and connective tissue from the meat. Note that normal field-dressing and trimming of fat from meat will remove lymph nodes.
- Always wash hands and instruments thoroughly after dressing and processing game meat.
- Use a 50/50 solution of household chlorine bleach and water to disinfect tools and work surfaces. Wipe down counters and let them dry; soak knives for one hour.

If you hunt deer or elk in other states and/or provinces, particularly those in which CWD has been detected, check with the respective fish and wildlife agencies regarding special regulations or specific advice for hunters. Also check with your home state fish and wildlife agency to ensure that animals lawfully killed elsewhere may be imported and possessed in your state. Additional information can be found at the CWD alliance website <http://www.cwd-info.org/> and the Maryland DNR website <http://dnr.maryland.gov>.

DEER SEASONS & BAG LIMITS

Region B

Anne Arundel*, Baltimore*, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Harford, Howard*, Kent, Montgomery*, Prince George's*, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Washington, Wicomico, Worcester Counties

* Suburban Deer Archery Zone of Region B: For bow hunting only—unlimited antlerless deer may be taken in these counties during the open bow season only.

Region B White-tailed Deer Bow Season 2004-2005

2 antlerless deer must be taken before a second antlered deer can be taken. A Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp is required to take a second antlered deer.

Dates	Antlered or Antlerless	Total Bag Limit: 2 Antlered 10 Antlerless * Unlimited Antlerless in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's counties
Sept.15- Oct. 20 Oct. 25- Nov. 26 Dec.13- Dec.17 Jan. 3- Jan. 6 Jan. 10- Jan. 31		
SPECIAL REGULATION FOR OCTOBER 25-30 AND NOVEMBER 13: (1) Bowhunters must wear fluorescent orange; (2) Any deer taken with a bow on these dates must count towards the Bow Season Bag Limits.		
Crossbows are legal for all hunters during the October 1-15, 2004 and January 15-31, 2005 segments of the Deer Bow Season.		
SUNDAY DEER HUNTING: Deer Bow Season is open on Sunday November 7, 2004 in Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Talbot and Washington counties on private land only.		

Region B Suburban Deer Archery Zone- Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's Counties

During the Bow Season, bow hunters may take an unlimited number of antlerless deer within Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Howard, Montgomery and Prince George's counties. The Bow Season antlerless bag limit for all other Region B counties is 10. The first eight antlerless deer taken with a bow in the Bow Hunting Suburban Zone will be recorded on the hunter's Big Game Harvest Record. Any antlerless deer taken after the eighth antlerless deer within the Region B Suburban Deer Archery Zone must be checked at a Maryland Official Big Game Checking Station, but shall not be recorded on the hunter's Big Game Harvest Record.

Region B White-tailed Deer Firearm Season 2004-2005

2 antlerless deer must be taken before a second antlered deer can be taken. A Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp is required to take a second antlered deer.

Dates	Antlered or Antlerless (No more than 3 deer may be taken on this day and no more than 1 may be antlered.)	Total Bag Limit: 2 Antlered 10 Antlerless
Nov.13 Junior Hunt*		
Nov. 27- Dec. 11 Jan. 7- Jan. 8	Antlered or Antlerless	
* Hunters age 16 or younger only; must be accompanied by a licensed (or exempt from license requirement) unarmed adult age 21 or older.		
SUNDAY DEER HUNTING: Deer Firearm Season is open on Sunday November 28, 2004 in Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Talbot and Washington counties on private land only.		

Region B White-tailed Deer Muzzleloader Season 2004-2005

2 antlerless deer must be taken before a second antlered deer can be taken. A Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp is required to take a second antlered deer.

Dates	Antlered or Antlerless (Only 1 antlered deer may be taken during these dates.)	Total Bag Limit: 2 Antlered 10 Antlerless
Oct.21-Oct.23		
Oct.25-Oct.30	Antlerless Only	
Dec.18-Jan.1	Antlered or Antlerless	

DEER SEASONS & BAG LIMITS

Sika Deer

Sika Deer Bow Season 2004-2005 (Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester counties)

Dates	Only 1 antlered sika deer and 1 antlerless sika deer may be taken within the total bag limit.	2 Deer Total Bag Limit
Sept.15- Oct. 20 Oct. 25- Nov. 26 Dec.13- Dec.17 Jan. 3- Jan. 31	Antlered or Antlerless	
SPECIAL REGULATION FOR NOVEMBER 13: (1) Bowhunters must wear fluorescent orange; (2) Any deer taken with a bow on this date must count towards the Bow Season Bag Limits.		
Crossbows are legal for all hunters during the October 1-15, 2004 and January 15-31, 2005 segments of the Deer Bow Season.		
SUNDAY DEER HUNTING: Deer Bow Season is open on Sunday November 7, 2004 in Dorchester County on private land only.		

Sika Deer Firearm Season 2004-2005 (Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester counties)

Dates	Only 1 antlered sika deer and 1 antlerless sika deer may be taken within the total bag limit.	2 Deer Total Bag Limit
Nov.13 Junior Hunt*	Antlered or Antlerless (Only 1 sika deer may be taken on this day.)	
Nov. 27- Dec. 11	Antlered or Antlerless	
* Hunters age 16 or younger only; must be accompanied by a licensed (or exempt from license requirement) unarmed adult age 21 or older.		
SUNDAY DEER HUNTING: Deer Firearm Season is open on Sunday November 28, 2004 in Dorchester County on private land only.		

Sika Deer Muzzleloader Season 2004-2005 (Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester counties)

Dates	Only 1 antlered sika deer and 1 antlerless sika deer may be taken within the total bag limit.	2 Deer Total Bag Limit
Oct.21-Oct.23	Antlered or Antlerless (Only 1 sika deer may be taken on these dates.)	
Dec.18-Jan.1	Antlered or Antlerless	

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

Hunting for migratory game birds- dove, rails, coot, snipe, woodcock, ducks, brant, geese and swans is regulated by the federal government under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Each year, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) establishes hunting season guidelines for migratory game birds after reviewing data on population trends and reproductive success. Guidelines include maximum number of hunting days, maximum bag limit, and the earliest and latest dates the season can start and end. States are allowed to select season dates and bag limits from within these guidelines. State selections can be more restrictive than the federal guidelines. Guidelines for late seasons, such as regular duck and goose seasons, are available in August and become final in early September. Comments are sought from the public on the proposed waterfowl seasons in public information meetings that are held in late August. Early Migratory Game Bird Seasons (for example, dove and resident Canada geese) are listed on page 16. Season dates and bag limits listed here are conditional on USFWS approval in late August.

Shooting Hours

Shooting hours are one half hour before sunrise to sunset, except for (1) mourning dove during the first season segment, when shooting hours are from noon to sunset; and (2) teal during the 9-day September teal season, when shooting hours are from sunrise to sunset.

Unlawful Methods

Migratory game birds may not be taken with traps, snares, nets, crossbows, rifles, pistols, swivel guns, fish hooks, poisons, drugs, explosives or stupefying substances. Migratory game birds may not be taken with a shotgun capable of holding more than 3 shells. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge may not be used to hunt migratory game birds.

Nontoxic Shot and Unlawful Shot

Non-toxic shot is required for hunting waterfowl and coots. Hunters may not use or possess nontoxic shot larger than size number T (0.20 inches in diameter) or use or possess any lead shot while hunting waterfowl and coots. The shot approved as non-toxic by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (50 CFR 20) is steel, bismuth, bismuth-tin, tungsten-iron-nickel-tin (TINT), tungsten-nickel-iron (Hevi-shot), tungsten-iron, tungsten-bronze-iron, tungsten-tin-bismuth, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-matrix, tin and copper-plated, nickel-plated or zinc-plated steel shot for which the plating represents less than 1% of the shot's weight. Lead shot plated with copper, nickel, or other material does not qualify.

Note: any non-toxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be legal to possess and use in Maryland.

Daily Bag Limit

You may take, in any one day, only the bag limit prescribed for each species.

Field Possession Limit

You may possess no more than one daily bag limit while in the field or returning from the field to your vehicle, hunting camp, or home.

Possession Limit

The maximum number of migratory game birds of a single species or combination of species permitted to be possessed by any one person.

Wanton Waste

No person shall kill or cripple any migratory or upland game bird without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the bird, and retain it in his/her actual custody.

Possession of Live Birds

Wounded birds reduced to possession shall immediately be killed and included in your daily bag limit.

Dressing

The head or one fully feathered wing must remain attached to all birds while being transported. Never completely field dress any migratory game bird (except dove) before transporting the birds from the field.

Tagging

If you are giving, putting or leaving migratory game birds at any place or in the possession of another person, you must tag each bird with the following information: (a) hunter's signature, (b) hunter's address, (c) total number and species of birds killed, and (d) dates the birds were killed. Tagging is required even if someone else is transporting the bird for you or the bird has been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment or taxidermy services.

Shipment

Tagged migratory game birds may not be shipped unless the package is marked on the outside with the following information: (a) name and address of the person sending the bird, (b) name and address of the person to whom the bird is being sent, and (c) number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

It is Unlawful To:

- Hunt migratory game birds with the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt or other feed that constitutes a lure or enticement). An area is considered by law to be baited for 10 days after removal of the bait. It is not necessary for you to know that an area is baited to be in violation. Doves may not be hunted over any area that has been seeded by broadcasting, unless the seed has either germinated, been plowed or disced under or removed. Hunting is permitted only after 10 days following the complete removal of all grain or other feed. However, doves may be hunted in areas where seed-producing plants such as corn, sunflowers, wheat, and other small grains are manipulated (mowed, knocked down, burned) to attract doves for hunting purposes. In this instance, the 10-day rule does not apply.
- Sell taxidermy-mounted waterfowl for use as decoys.
- Possess any rifle or pistol at any time while hunting waterfowl and coots.
- Use common reed (*Phragmites australis*) in any manner for the construction of blinds on lands owned or controlled by DNR.
- Construct, or cause to be constructed, permanent blinds or tree stands, and to leave waterfowl decoys set overnight on lands owned or controlled by DNR, except with written permission from DNR.
- Hunt migratory game birds after sunset.
- Hunt wild migratory game birds on Sunday.
- Hunt any animal other than deer on the 2004 Deer Firearms Season Opening Day except sea ducks in the Sea Duck and Offshore Waterfowl Hunting Zones.
- Hunt from a sink box (low floating device with depression that conceals the hunter beneath the surface of the water).
- Hunt from or with the aid or use of a car or any other motor-driven land conveyance or any aircraft.
- Hunt from or by means of any motorboat or sailboat unless the motor has been completely shut off and /or the sail furled and the boat's progress has ceased.
- Use recordings of migratory game bird calls and sounds or electronically amplified imitations of bird calls.

Migratory Game Birds -continued-

(It is unlawful to:)

- Drive, rally or chase birds with any motorized conveyance or any sailboat to put the birds in the range of hunters.
- Use or have the aid of live decoys. Waterfowl hunting is not permitted on areas within which captive waterfowl are or have been confined in a closed structure and constitute a visible lure. All live, tame or captive ducks and geese must be removed for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to hunting. They must be confined in an enclosure that substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such birds from the sight of wild migratory waterfowl.

Offshore Duck Blind Laws

Contact the Wildlife & Heritage Service at 410-260-8540 or visit the DNR website at <http://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/waterfowl.html> for updated information.

Offshore Waterfowl Hunting Laws

In designated waters of the state, a gunning rig license was formerly required to hunt waterfowl from a gunning rig, sneakboat or while standing on the natural bottom. Hunting by these methods is still limited to designated waters but a gunning rig license is no longer required. Nonresidents must be accompanied by a Maryland resident while hunting in designated waters.

Sea Duck and Offshore Waterfowl Hunting Zones

Obtain maps and descriptions of Sea Duck and Offshore Waterfowl Hunting Zones from DNR Wildlife & Heritage Service Offices listed on page 23 or visit our website at <http://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/waterfowl.html>.

Regulated Shooting Area (RSA) License and Stamp Requirements

Those persons hunting released pen reared ducks (only) on RSAs need to possess a Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp and a valid RSA or Maryland hunting license. Those persons who may encounter wild waterfowl while waterfowl hunting on RSAs need to possess a Maryland hunting license, a Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp and a Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp.

Hunting License Reciprocity for Snow Geese

Persons possessing a valid Delaware resident hunting license may hunt snow geese in Maryland without purchasing a Maryland hunting license. In addition to a valid Delaware resident hunting license, these hunters must possess the Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, a printed receipt from the purchase of a Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp, and comply with Maryland's hunter safety requirements.

Persons possessing a valid Maryland resident hunting license may hunt snow geese in Delaware without purchasing a Delaware hunting license. Contact the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife (302-739-5297 or www.dnrec.state.de.us) for specific requirements.

HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM (HIP)

Requirement for Hunting All Migratory Game Birds

HIP is issued in conjunction with the Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp. All persons (including landowners and other persons entitled to hunt without a license) must be "HIP Certified" and have the printed receipt showing certification in their possession while hunting migratory game birds (brant, dove, ducks, geese, coots, rails, snipe, and woodcock). HIP is a national, cooperative state and federal program to improve the information collected regarding the harvest of migratory game birds. All HIP certified hunters will become part of a pool of hunters from which samples for federal harvest surveys will be drawn.

When you purchase your Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp, you will be asked a few questions about your hunting success during

the last season. You will be asked:

- Do you plan to hunt brant this coming hunting season?
- About how many of these migratory birds did you bag last season? Ducks, geese, doves, woodcock?
- Which of these types of migratory birds did you hunt last season? Sea ducks (long-tailed duck and scoters), coots, snipe and rails?

Please be sure that your license agent asks these HIP questions. Responses to these questions improve survey efficiency and the quality of harvest information used to manage migratory game birds. If you were not asked these questions or if you have additional questions regarding HIP, please contact the Wildlife & Heritage Service at 410-260-8540.

Webless Migratory Game Bird Seasons & Bag Limits

Species	Open Season	Location	Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Woodcock	Nov. 5-Nov. 26 Jan. 15-Jan. 22	All counties	3 per day	6
Mourning Dove	Sept. 1-Oct. 16 Nov. 12-Nov. 20 Dec. 18-Jan. 1	All counties	12 per day	24
Clapper and King Rails	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	All counties	10 per day	20
Sora and Virginia Rails	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	All counties	25 per day	25
Common Snipe	Sept. 30-Nov.26 Dec. 13-Jan.29	All counties	8 per day	16

Early Resident Canada Goose Seasons & Bag Limits

Species	Open Season	Location	Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Early Resident Goose Season (Eastern Zone)	Sept. 1-Sept.15	Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, Worcester and those parts of Prince George's, Howard and Baltimore east of I-95	8 per day	16
Early Resident Goose Season (Western Zone)	Sept. 1-Sept.25	Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Montgomery, Washington and those parts of Prince George's, Howard and Baltimore west of I-95	8 per day	16

STEEL SHOT SIZE AND CHOKE RECOMMENDATIONS

Bird	Range	Shot Size	Choke
Teal	All distances	6,5	Improved Cyl., Modified
Ducks	under 40 yards	6,5,4,3	Improved Cylinder
Ducks	30 to 50 yards	4,3,2	Improved Cyl., Modified
Ducks	beyond 50 yards	2,1	Modified, Imp.-Mod., Full
Brant	under 50 yards	1,BB	Improved Cyl., Modified
Snow geese	under 50 yards	1,BB	Improved Cyl., Modified
Canada geese	all distances	BB,BBB,T	Modified, Imp.-Modified
All geese	beyond 50 yards	BB,BBB,T	Modified, Imp.-Modified

PLEASE REPORT BIRD BANDS

Banded birds provide important management information. If you shoot or find a bird with a US Fish and Wildlife Service leg band please call toll-free: 1-800-327-BAND (2263). These leg bands can also be reported via the Internet at: <http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl/homepage/call800.htm>. The information needed is: the band number, species of bird, hunter's name and address, and date and location of harvest. The location should include the county and approximate distance and direction from the nearest town. You will receive a Certificate of Appreciation with information about the bird. The band is yours to keep. Thank you.

FOREST GAME

Forest game species that can be hunted are wild turkey, ruffed grouse, eastern fox squirrel and red and gray squirrels. These species occupy forested habitats across Maryland, from early successional forest land to mature forest land.

Hunting Hours

Spring Bearded Turkey Season: One half hour before sunrise to noon. All other forest game species: One half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset.

Legal Hunting Devices for all Forest Game

For information on legal hunting devices for use during Forest Game Seasons, refer to pages 8-9.

Wild Turkey Hunting

DNR encourages all turkey hunters to follow the National Wild Turkey Federation's Turkey Hunter's Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct states that a responsible turkey hunter should:

- Not let peer pressure or the excitement of the hunt cloud his/her judgment.
- Learn and practice safe hunting techniques.
- Hunt the wild turkey fairly.
- Know the capabilities and limitations of his/her hunting devices and use them safely.
- Obey and support all wildlife laws and report all violations.
- Respect the land and landowner and always obtain permission before hunting.
- Avoid knowingly interfering with another hunter and respect the right of others to lawfully share the outdoors.
- Value the hunting experience and appreciate the beauty of the wild turkey.
- Positively identify his/her target as a legal bird and insist on a good shot.
- Share responsible turkey hunting with others and work for turkey conservation.

Fluorescent orange is not required for hunting turkeys. However, turkey hunters are encouraged to wear it as a precaution while turkey hunting. Successful turkey hunters are also encouraged to put an orange ribbon on the turkey when carrying it out of the woods. The colors black, red, white, and blue should be avoided on turkey hunting clothing. These colors are predominant in the male turkey's plumage and can cause a hunter to be mistaken for game. The use of decoys and blinds is legal for turkey hunting. Hunters may wish to make their presence known to other hunters by placing an orange band in a tree adjacent to their blind site.

It is illegal to bait for spring and fall turkey hunting, or use recorded or electronically amplified calls. An area is considered by law to be baited for 10 days after removal of the bait. Dogs and organized drives may not be used for hunting bearded turkeys in the spring.

Turkey Tagging and Checking Requirements

A field tag must be completed and attached to the turkey before removing it from the place of kill. Field tags are included with this publication. Those entitled to hunt without a license must obtain or make field tags of their own and check the bird. A tag must bear the hunter's name, hunting license number (if applicable), date and county where taken. All harvested turkeys must be checked at a checking station in the county where they are killed, or an adjacent county, within 24 hours. See pages 24-26.

Forest Game				
Species	Open Season	Location	Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Squirrel- gray and eastern fox	Sept. 4- Feb. 28	All counties	6 per day	12
Squirrel- gray and eastern fox (falconry)	Sept. 4- Mar. 31	All counties	6 per day	12
Squirrel- red or piney	Sept. 4- Feb. 28	All counties	No Limit	No Limit
Squirrel- red or piney (falconry)	Sept. 4- Mar. 31	All counties	No Limit	No Limit
Delmarva fox squirrel	CLOSED SEASON			
Wild turkey, fall season, either sex	Oct. 30- Nov. 6	Allegany, Garrett, Washington	1 per day	1 per season
Wild turkey- spring season, Junior Hunt *	April 16	All counties	1 bearded turkey per day	1 bearded turkey per season or if no turkey was taken during the fall season, 2 bearded turkeys per season
Wild turkey- spring season	April 18- May 23	All counties	1 bearded turkey per day	
Ruffed grouse	Oct. 2- Jan. 31	All counties	2 per day	4
Ruffed grouse (falconry)	Oct. 2- Mar. 31	All counties	2 per day	4

* Hunters age 16 or younger only; must be accompanied by a licensed (or exempt from license requirement), unarmed adult age 21 or older.

RELEASING PEN-RAISED TURKEYS

DNR frequently receives inquiries from landowners expressing an interest in releasing "game-farm" or pen-raised turkeys on their property. This practice is illegal with the exception of certain RSAs and could be detrimental to our wild turkey population. Pen-raised turkeys are deprived of normal parental influences and social interactions needed for survival in the wild. They rarely survive very long once released. More important is the risk of diseases being introduced to our wild turkey populations. Numerous diseases could be spread to wild birds including several recently found, extremely deadly diseases currently found only in captive flocks. Please don't engage in this activity and advise others not to release turkeys under any circumstances!

UPLAND GAME

Resident upland game species include ring-necked pheasant, bobwhite quail and cottontail rabbit. Crows are also listed in the chart.

Hunting Hours

One half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset.

Legal Hunting Devices

For information on legal firearms and archery equipment for hunting upland game, refer to pages 8-9.

Other Regulations

- The head, plumage and feet shall remain attached to all pheasants to permit identification of species and sex while being transported from the place where killed to the place of final disposition. This does not pertain to pen-reared pheasants taken on Regulated Shooting Areas.
- The use of decoys, calls and/or recordings for hunting crows is allowed. Hunters must wear fluorescent orange when hunting upland game except crows. See page 9 for more information on fluorescent orange.

Upland Game				
Species	Open Season	Location	Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Eastern cottontail rabbit	Nov. 6- Feb.15	All counties	4 per day	8
Eastern cottontail rabbit (falconry)	Nov. 6- Mar.31	All counties	4 per day	8
Snowshoe hare	CLOSED SEASON			
Quail	CLOSED SEASON	Garrett and Allegany counties		
Quail	Nov. 6- Jan.15	West of I-83 from PA south to I-695 to I-95 south to VA, excluding Allegany and Garrett counties	6 per day	12
Quail	Nov. 6- Feb.15	East of I-83 from PA south to I-695 to I-95 south to VA	6 per day	12
Quail (falconry)	Nov. 6- Mar.31	All counties	4 per day	8
Pheasant (male only)	Nov. 6- Jan. 1	All counties	1 per day	2
Pheasant (falconry, both sexes)	Nov. 6- Mar. 31	All counties	1 per day	2
Crow	Aug.15- Mar.15 Wed.- Sat. Only	All counties	No Limit	No Limit

UPLAND WILDLIFE HABITAT FUND

The Maryland General Assembly passed legislation that created a special UPLAND WILDLIFE HABITAT FUND to help restore Maryland's declining upland wildlife population. The fund provides for voluntary donations which will be credited to the fund and used only for the purpose of restoring upland wildlife habitat. Contributions to the fund may be made at any location selling Maryland hunting and fishing licenses. All donations qualify as charitable deductions for income tax purposes. Individuals and corporations may also contribute to the fund by check or money order made payable to the:

UPLAND WILDLIFE HABITAT FUND

And mailed to:

Maryland DNR- Wildlife & Heritage Service
Upland Wildlife Habitat Fund
Tawes State Office Bldg., E-1
Annapolis, MD 21401

FURBEARERS

DNR promotes sustainable and compatible uses of the furbearer resource. Hunting and trapping seasons and bag limits are established based on furbearer biology, distribution and abundance of each species, public interests and needs and the incidence of furbearer damage complaints. The following species are managed as "furbearers" in Maryland: muskrat, beaver, raccoon, red fox, gray fox, nutria, opossum, mink, skunk, river otter, fisher, long-tailed weasel, coyote and bobcat.

Rabies Precaution

Rabies has been diagnosed, primarily in raccoons, in all Maryland counties. For up-to-date information, contact your local Health Department. Trappers and raccoon hunters should consult their physicians for advice on pre-exposure rabies vaccine. Please use care when handling any animal.

General Furbearer Regulations

- License requirements: A Maryland resident must possess a valid hunting license to hunt or trap on another person's property, including public lands. Nonresident hunters must possess a valid Nonresident Hunting License. Nonresident trappers are required to have both a Nonresident Hunting License and a Nonresident Trapping License. Nonresident Trapping Licenses can be purchased by contacting: Permits Coordinator, DNR Wildlife & Heritage Service, Tawes State Office Building E-1, 580 Taylor Ave., Annapolis, MD 21401, 410-260-8540.
- No furbearer taken during the legal trapping season can be transported from the point of capture until it has been killed.
- Harvesting the following species by any means other than trapping is prohibited: muskrat, mink, long-tailed weasel, river otter and beaver. Nonresidents are not permitted to harvest beaver or river otter.
- Destroying or disturbing furbearer dens is prohibited.
- A permit is required to possess the meat or skinned carcass of a furbearer for more than 10 days after the season has closed. Permits can be obtained from the Maryland Natural Resources Police (NRP). See page 23.
- The pelt or unskinned carcasses of all otter and fisher harvested in Maryland must be tagged within 15 days after the season has closed. Otter and fisher pelt tags may be obtained by contacting local offices of either the DNR Wildlife & Heritage Service or NRP. See page 23.
- The pelts or unskinned carcasses of furbearers harvested in Maryland, and then transported across the state line must have a "Fur Shipping Tag" accompanying them. These tags are available by contacting local offices of either the DNR Wildlife & Heritage Service or NRP. See page 23.
- Fox Restrictions: Some counties have local restrictions governing fox hunting and trapping, and the possession of foxes and/or their pelts. For detailed information, contact local law enforcement authorities.

The following restrictions apply:

- In Charles and Dorchester Counties, a person may hunt, trap or possess the pelt of a fox any time of the year.
- It is unlawful to kill a fox being pursued by dogs in the following counties: Cecil, Harford, Kent, St. Mary's and Wicomico.

Furbearer Hunting and Chasing Regulations

- Firearm and/or bow hunting of red fox, gray fox, coyote, skunk, fisher, raccoon, opossum and nutria is permitted (see County Fox Restrictions section in General Furbearer Regulations for exceptions). Shooting of all other furbearer species is prohibited. Refer to pages 8-9 for information on the use of firearms and bows for hunting furbearers.

2. Unarmed fox chasing is not classified as hunting by law, and is therefore not subject to DNR hunting regulations. Permits may be required to chase foxes on certain public lands. All activities on DNR owned and managed properties are subject to DNR public land regulations. With the exception of unarmed fox chasing, fox hunting with the aid of dogs is prohibited during the deer firearms season.
3. With the exception of nutria, hunting furbearers on Sunday is prohibited (also see # 4 below).
4. Legal hunting hours for raccoon and opossum are from sunset to sunrise except Sundays. Raccoons that are destroying muskrats and/or their dens may be hunted any time of the year by owners of the affected marshlands or their employees.
5. The use of light and/or dogs is permitted while hunting raccoon, fox, opossum or coyote on foot. Fox, coyote, raccoon, and opossum can be hunted with the aid of electronic calling devices. Daytime and nighttime hunting for fox is permitted during the legal harvest season for foxes. Coyote can be hunted at night during the period specified in the furbearers seasons and bag limits chart. At all other times of the year, coyote may only be hunted during the legal daylight shooting hours.

Furbearer Trapping Regulations

1. Written permission is required to trap on another person's property, including publicly owned properties.
2. Traps must be checked once per calendar day except in tidal marshes and bodies of water influenced by daily tidal flow. Traps set in these areas must be checked once every 36 hours.
3. In tidal areas, landowners and their agents or lessees have exclusive rights to muskrats and other furbearers above the mean low water line.
4. Legal trapping devices include: box traps, snares, foothold (leghold) traps and body-gripping traps. Legal use of these devices is subject to compliance with the following restrictions and conditions:

Foothold (Leghold) Traps

- (a) The use of toothed or serrated traps is prohibited. All traps must possess smooth jaws.
- (b) Traps set above the waterline must not exceed a maximum jaw spread of 5 ¾ inches. Traps set below the waterline and completely submerged cannot exceed a maximum jaw spread of 7 ¾ inches.
 - i. Jaw spread means the distance between the inside of both jaws, when measured across the trap jaws on a line perpendicular to a line drawn through the jaw pivot points when the trap is in the set position.
- (c) In Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, traps cannot be set to capture furbearers unless completely submerged in water subject to the following exceptions:
 - i. Traps can be set above the waterline on farmland by the owner(s) of the property, members of owner(s) immediate family that reside on the property and the landowner(s) agent, tenant or lessee.
 - ii. Traps can be set above the waterline in response to wildlife control concerns by authorized agents of the DNR, and according to guidelines established by DNR.

Snare Traps

It is illegal to use, sell, possess, set, place or maintain a snare trap in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Cecil, Harford, Montgomery and Prince George's Counties.

Furbearers				
Species	Open Season	Location	Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Fox- Red and Gray	Nov.1- Jan. 19	Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's, and Washington	No Limit	No Limit
Fox- Red and Gray	Nov.15- Jan.31	Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester	No Limit	No Limit
Fox- Red and Gray	Aug.1- July 31	Charles and Dorchester	No Limit	No Limit
Beaver- Closed to Nonresidents	Dec.15- Mar.1	Garrett County	No Limit	No Limit
Beaver- Closed to Nonresidents	Jan.1- Mar.15	All counties except Garrett	No Limit	No Limit
Bobcat	CLOSED SEASON			
Coyote- Firearms or Bow and Arrow	Coyotes may be hunted in all counties year-round during daylight hours (1/2hr. before sunrise to 1/2hr. after sunset).		No Limit	No Limit
Coyote- Firearms or Bow and Arrow	Oct. 15- Mar.15	Coyotes may be hunted in all counties day and night except Sundays.	No Limit	No Limit
Coyote- Trapping	Nov.1- Jan. 19	Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Carroll, Charles, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's, and Washington	No Limit	No Limit
Coyote- Trapping	Nov.15- Jan.31	Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, & Worcester	No Limit	No Limit
Fisher	Nov.1- Jan.19	All counties	1 per day	1 per season
Muskrat and Mink	Nov.15- Feb.15	Garrett, Allegany, Washington, Frederick, Carroll and Howard	No Limit	No Limit
Muskrat and Mink	Dec.15- Mar.15	Baltimore, Harford, Queen Anne's, Cecil, Kent, Somerset, and Worcester	No Limit	No Limit
Muskrat and Mink	Jan.1- Mar.15	Dorchester, Talbot, Caroline, Calvert, Anne Arundel, Prince George's, Charles, St. Mary's, Montgomery and Wicomico	No Limit	No Limit
Nutria	Aug.2- July 30	All counties *	No Limit	No Limit
Otter- Closed to Nonresidents	Jan.1- Mar.15	Washington, Frederick, Carroll, Howard and Montgomery	1 per day	1 per season
Otter- Closed to Nonresidents	Jan.1- Mar.15	All counties except Washington, Frederick, Carroll, Howard, Montgomery, Garrett and Allegany	5 per day	5 per season
Otter- Closed to Nonresidents	CLOSED SEASON	Garrett and Allegany		
Raccoon and Opossum- Chasing- NO KILL	Aug.2- Oct.15 Feb.16- July 30	All counties		
Raccoon and Opossum- Firearms, Bow and Arrow and Dog	Oct.15- Mar. 15	All counties	No Limit	No Limit
Raccoon and Opossum- Trapping	Nov.1- Feb.16	In that portion of the state WEST of the Chesapeake Bay and the Susquehanna River	No Limit	No Limit
Raccoon and Opossum- Trapping	Nov.15- Mar.15	In that portion of the state EAST of the Chesapeake Bay and the Susquehanna River	No Limit	No Limit
Skunk and Long-Tailed Weasel	Nov.1- Jan.19	In that portion of the state WEST of the Chesapeake Bay and the Susquehanna River	No Limit	No Limit
Skunk and Long-Tailed Weasel	Nov.15- Jan.31	In that portion of the state EAST of the Chesapeake Bay and the Susquehanna River	No Limit	No Limit

* On those lands owned or controlled by DNR in Caroline, Dorchester, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties only leaseholders or their appointees can hunt or trap furbearers and nutria between November 15 and March 15.



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- (a) Body-gripping traps with a diameter of greater than 8 inches cannot be set unless partially submerged in water.
 - (b) Body-gripping traps with a diameter of 8 inches or less can be set in tidal wetlands, flooded non-tidal wetlands, fresh water marshes, wooded swamps, bogs in areas where water covers the surface of the soil, or in areas where the soil is water-logged to the surface.
5. Setting or maintaining any foothold (leghold), body-gripping or snare trap within 150 yards of a permanent human residence is prohibited with the following exceptions:
- (a) On state, federal or private wetlands.
 - (b) On lands that qualify for agricultural assessment, timberlands and lands used for reforestation.
 - (c) In Harford and Howard Counties, landowners and lessees of privately-owned land may set or maintain the above described traps on their property as long as they are not within 150 yards of another person's permanent residence. This regulation does not apply to the use of body-gripping traps with a diameter of less than 6 inches and set completely submerged in water.

DOG TRAINING

The owner of a hunting dog may run or train his/her dog on woodcock, pheasant, or any imported species, ruffed grouse, rabbit and quail at any time of the year (including Sundays) if the owner or another person attends the dog. The attendant may not carry firearms of any kind except a starter's pistol and/or handgun with blanks while training dogs. Each attendant must possess a valid hunting license. The attendant may not kill any wildlife except during open season for the appropriate game species.

See chart on page 19 for the Raccoon and Opossum Chasing- No Kill season dates for training coon hounds. Unarmed fox chasing is legal all year, including Sunday, and does not require a hunting license. See page 18 (furbearer regulations). Individuals should check with the Area Manager for area specific regulations prior to participating in fox chasing on state owned or controlled lands.

Dog Training With Call Back Pens

A person may possess and recall pen-reared quail or chukar partridge for the purpose of training dogs with call back pens if they first obtain a game husbandry license. The trainer, or anyone assisting in the training, shall possess a valid hunting license while training. A person may not use a call back pen on state owned or controlled lands. Contact Permits Coordinator* for permit applications and information.

Retriever Training

A person must obtain a \$5 retriever training permit to shoot pen-reared quail, chukar partridge, pheasant and mallard ducks for training dogs. The trainer, or anyone assisting in the training, shall possess a valid hunting license while training. If the birds are held for more than 48 hours, a game husbandry permit is also required. Contact Permits Coordinator* for permit applications and information.

Field Trials

Permits for conducting sanctioned field trials during closed seasons on both private and public lands must be obtained from DNR Regional Wildlife & Heritage Service Offices. See page 23 for offices. Permit requests for state owned or controlled lands must be received at least 6 weeks, but not more than 6 months, in advance of the proposed field trial.

*Permits Coordinator, DNR Wildlife & Heritage Service, Tawes State Office Building E-1, 580 Taylor Ave., Annapolis, MD 21401, 410-260-8540.

GLOSSARY

The following definitions are for use when reading this guide:

Antlered white-tailed deer- a white-tailed deer with 2 or more points to one antler, or a white-tailed deer with one antler 3 or more inches long, measuring from the top of the skull in a living deer.

Antlered sika deer- a sika deer with at least one antler visible above the hair line.

Antlerless sika or white-tailed deer- is any white-tailed or sika deer not antlered.

Bag limit- the number of game birds and game mammals that can be legally taken.

Blind- any man-made or natural material that conceals a hunter from full or partial view but not worn by the hunter.

Blind site- a specific location in the water where a person may hunt wild waterfowl from a boat or raft which is tied to or anchored at a stake and is not a permanent structure.

Closed season- the time period when a person may not hunt a species of game bird or mammal and includes any period of time not included within the open season.

Falconry- hunting with the aid of birds of prey (hawks, owls, falcons).

Furbearing mammals- raccoon, coyote, opossum, beaver, mink, muskrat, otter, red and gray fox, skunks, fisher, long-tailed weasel and bobcat.

Game birds- ruffed grouse, wild turkey, crow, mourning dove, pheasant, quail, woodcock, brant, coot, ducks, gallinule, geese, mergansers, rails, snipe and swans.

Game mammals- black bear, deer, fox squirrels (except Delmarva subspecies), gray and red squirrels, rabbit, and furbearing mammals.

Hunting- pursuing, capturing, catching, killing, gigging, trapping, shooting or attempting to pursue, capture, catch, kill, gig, trap or shoot, or in any manner take any bird or mammal into personal possession.

Hunting devices- a term used to describe legal equipment for hunting during certain seasons or for certain species of wildlife, e.g., a type of firearm or bow.

Jaw Spread- the distance between the inside of both jaws of a trap when measured across the trap jaws on a line perpendicular to a line drawn through the jaw pivot points when the trap is in a set position.

Muzzleloader firearm- a rifle, shotgun or handgun which is loaded from the muzzle or a revolver which is loaded from the front of the cylinder.

Nighttime- the time beginning one half hour after sunset and ending one half hour before sunrise the following day.

Nongame birds and mammals- every wild bird or mammal not classified as a game bird or mammal.

Open season- the time when a person can lawfully hunt or trap.

Protected birds and mammals- any wild bird or mammal not included within the definition of game bird, game mammal, unprotected bird or unprotected mammal.

Riparian owner- the owner of shoreline land.

Snare trap- any device constructed of cord, cable or other material, which forms a loop and is designed or set with the intent of capturing a furbearer by the neck.

Stationary blind- a permanent offshore structure built on pilings or stakes and used for hunting wild waterfowl.

Unprotected bird- house sparrow, European starling.

Unprotected mammal- nutria, woodchuck.

Wildlife- any living creature, wild by nature, endowed with sensation and power of voluntary motion and including mammals, birds, amphibians and reptiles, which spend a majority of their life cycle on land.

NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE OFFICES

Please contact the regional Maryland Natural Resources Police office to report natural resources violations or with questions on wildlife regulations.

Western Region/Area 6

(Garrett, Allegany, Washington, Frederick Counties) Flintstone: 301-777-7771 (Mon- Sat, 8am- 4pm)

Central Region/Area 5

(Cecil, Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Howard, Montgomery Counties) Owings Mills: 410-356-7060 (Mon- Sat, 8am- 4pm)

Southern Region/Area 4

(Charles, Calvert, St. Mary's Counties) Waldorf: 301-645-0062 (Mon- Sat, 8am- 4pm)

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(Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Talbot, Queen Anne's Counties) Queen Anne: 410-758-2890 or 410-820-1314 (Mon- Sat, 8am- 4pm)

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Please contact regional offices listed below for more information on any of the following issues: Hunting and trapping seasons and bag limits - Wildlife regulations - Clarification on hunting licenses, stamps, permits - General information on public hunting areas - Specific information on managed hunts, hunting permit requirements - Harvest Information Program - General information on managed deer hunts - Junior Hunter Days - Deer/turkey check station inquiries. For information on specific public lands refer to the Public Hunting Lands section of this guide (see page 28).

Headquarters

Tawes State Office Building, E-1
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Annapolis, MD 21401
410-260-8540, FAX 410-260-8596

Southern Region

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Myrtle Grove WMA

5625 Myrtle Grove Rd.
LaPlata, MD 20646
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Western Region Main Office

3 Pershing St., Room 110
Cumberland, MD 21502
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Oakland, MD 21550
301-334-4255, FAX 301-334-6541

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11703 Mountain Rd., NE
Flintstone, MD 21530
301-478-2525, FAX 301-777-9723

Indian Springs WMA

14038 Blairs Valley Rd.
Clear Spring, MD 21722
301-842-2702, FAX 301-842-1026

Central Region

(Baltimore, Carroll, Cecil, Harford, Howard, Montgomery Counties and Baltimore City)

Central Region Main Office

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Bel Air, MD 21014
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FAX 410-836-4552

Seneca Wildlife Office

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Gaithersburg, MD 20878
301-258-7308, FAX 301-258-9607

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Eastern Region

(Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester Counties)

Eastern Region Main Office

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Salisbury, MD 21801
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410-651-2320 (local), 410-543-8223 (Salisbury),
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Toll Free*- 1-866-688-3823, 410-535-3382

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Bel Air Regional Service Center

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Bel Air, MD 21014
Toll Free*- 1-866-623-3187, 410-836-4550

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Henderson Country Store, 410-482-6755; 114 Henderson Rd., Henderson; Mon- Sat 6am- 8pm, Sun 7am- 8pm

J & R Country Store, 410-754-8825; Corner of Noble & Bloomery Rds., Federalsburg; Mon-Sat 8am-8pm, Sun 8am- 5pm
Preston Custom Butcher, 410-673-7249 or 410-673-2201; 24003 Friendship Rd., Preston; Mon- Sat 8am- 6pm, firearm season: Mon- Sat 8am- 8pm, Sun 8am- 8pm

CARROLL

Bowhunter's Den, 410-756-4199; 48 E. Baltimore St., Tawneytown; Tues- Wed 1pm- 8pm, Thurs- Fri 1pm- 8:30pm, Sat 10am- 4pm, Sun 10am- 3pm
C & L Deer Processing, 410-374-6424; 3943 Shiloh Ave., Hampstead; Firearm season: Mon- Sat 9am- 8pm; Sun 10am- 4pm, Bow and Muzzleloader seasons: Mon- Sat 4pm- 9pm, Sun 10am- 4pm
Gun Shack, 301-829-0122; 101 South Main St., Mt Airy; Bow & Muzzleloader Seasons: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10am- 8pm, Sat 9am- 6pm, Firearms Season: Mon- Fri 10am- 8pm, Sat 9am- 7pm
Jerrods Deer Processing, 410-848-6143; 1321 Arnold Rd., Westminster; Mon- Fri 5:30pm- 9pm, Sat 8am-9pm, Sun 9am- 1pm
Sam's Deer Processing, 410-795-4670; 2060 Bollinger Mill Rd., Finksburg; Mon- Sat 10am- 8pm, Sun 9am- 1pm
Southern States Farm & Home Service, Inc., 800-201-3472; 7625 Main St., Sykesville; Mon- Fri 7:30am- 5pm, Sat 7:30am- 4pm

CECIL

Liberty Lawn & Garden, 410-658-6267; 239 Biggs Hwy., Rising Sun; Mon- Fri 8am- 5:00pm, Sat 8am- 12pm, Firearm season: Sat 8am- 8pm
Sarge's Market, 410-620-9183; 751 Augustine Herman Hwy., Elkton; Sun- Sat 7am- 6pm
Stemple Brothers Fish & Hunting Supply, 410-378-5594; 188 Conowingo Rd., Conowingo; Mon- Sun 7am- 7pm, winter season Sun 7am- 6pm
The Store, 410-287-3781; 1223 Turkey Point Rd., North East; Mon- Sat 5:30am- 9pm, Sun 7am- 8pm

CHARLES

Hardesty's Liquor, 301-259-4114; Newburg; Mon- Thur 6am- 9pm, Fri- Sat 6am- midnight, Sun- 7am- 7:30pm
Lee's Market, 301-743-2111 or 301-753-6969; Indian Head; Mon- Fri 5am- 9pm; Sat- Sun 6am- 9pm
Linda's General Store, 301-246-9100; 1970-B Liverpool Point Rd., Nanjemoy; Sun- Sat 6am- 8pm
Murphy's Store, 301-934-4544 or 301-932-0635; Rt. 6 & Chapel Pt. Rd., Port Tobacco; Mon- Sun 7am- 9pm
Simpson's Corner Store, 301-934-5370; 8350 Oliver Shop Rd., LaPlata; Mon- Sat 6am- 10pm, Sun 7am- 10pm
Tommy's Market, 301-645-4343; 3659 Leonardtown Rd., Waldorf; Mon- Sun 5am- 9pm

DORCHESTER

E & M Farms, 410-228-2393; Buttons Neck Rd., Church Creek; Mon- Sat 8am- 7pm
East Coast Taxidermy, 410-943-4684; 4355 Blinkhorn Rd., Hurlock; Mon- Sat 9am- 6pm, Firearms Season: Mon- Sat 9am- 8pm, Sun 9am- 12 noon
Eldorado Country Store, 410-943-8743; 5803 Eldorado Rd., Eldorado; Mon- Fri 5:30am- 8pm, Sat- 6am- 8pm, Sun 7am- 7pm
Lewis Store, 410-228-3924; Hudson; Mon- Thur 6am- 6pm, Fri- Sat 6am- 7pm, Sun 8am- 12 noon
Taylors Island Family Campground, 410-397-3275; 4632 Bayshore Rd., Taylors Island; Mon- Sun 7am- 9pm
Vienna Korner Market, 410-376-3175; Rt. 331 and Old Rt. 50, Vienna; Mon- Sun 7am- 9pm

Snows Turn Market, 410-228-2060; Rt. 16 & Race St. Ext., Cambridge; Mon- Thur 3am-10pm, Fri 3am- 11pm, Sat 4am- 11pm, Sun 6am- 10pm
Sunburst Mobil, 410-228-5825; Rt. 50 & Bucktown Rd., Cambridge; Mon- Sun 24hrs

FREDERICK

Brunswick Cooperative Assoc., Inc., 301-834-6500; 630 Souder Rd., Brunswick; Mon- Fri 8am- 5:00pm, Sat 8am- 1pm
Flint Hill General Store, 301-874-5200; 2748 Park Mills Rd., Adamstown; Mon- Sat 7am- 7pm, Sun 8am- 5pm
Jefferson Archery, 301-473-8495; 3712 Jefferson Pike, Jefferson; Mon- Fri noon- 8pm, Sat 8am- 6pm (turkey season), Sat 8am- 8pm (deer season)
More Than Gas, 301-447-1800; 16424 Old Frederick Rd., Emmitsburg; Mon- Fri 5:30am- 8pm, Sat 7am- 7pm, Sun 9am- 5pm
Mountaindale General Store, 301-898-0147; 6326 Mountaindale Rd., Thurmont; Mon- closed, Tue- Sat 7:30am- 8pm, Sun 10am- 6pm
Mountaingate Convenience Store, 301-271-3333; 140 Frederick Rd., Thurmont; Mon- Sun 9am- 8pm
Promise Land Feed & Seed, 301-293-8444; 9187 Myersville Rd., Exit 42 off I-70 West on Rt. 17 South, Myersville; Mon- Fri 8am- 6pm, Sat- 8am- 1pm (hours extended during hunting season)
Sunset Supply, 301-898-5445; 11139 Liberty Rd., Libertytown; Mon- Sat 7am- 7:30pm, Sun 9am- 5pm

GARRETT

Backbone Mt. Sport Shop, 301-334-5814; Rt. 50 - 3 mi E. of Red House in Oakland; Mon- Fri 9am- 8pm, Sat & Sun 9am- 7pm
Bill's Outdoor Center, 301-387-3474; 20768 Garrett Hwy., Deep Creek Lake; April- Dec. Mon- Sun 7am- 7pm, Jan.- March Mon- Sun 8am- 6pm
B. J.'s Store, 301-777-0001; 11329 Savage River Rd., Swanton; Mon- Sat 9am- 7pm, Sun 9am- 1pm
Chestnut Ridge Gas & Liquor Store, 301-895-3197; 2534 Chestnut Ridge Rd. & I-68, Grantsville; Mon- Thurs 5am- 10pm, Fri 5am- midnight, Sat 6am- midnight, Sun 7am- 10pm
D&B Sport Shop, 301-334-9725; 832 Edgewood Dr., Deer Park; Mon- Sat 9am- 9pm, Sun 9am- 5:30pm
Keysers Ridge Trading Post, 301-746-8210; 4151 National Pike, Keysers Ridge; Mon- Sun 6am- 10pm
S and S Market, 301-746-5656; 267 Maple St., Friendsville; Mon- Sat 8:30 am- 8:30pm
Swanton Grocery, 301-387-5701; 3562 Swanton Rd., Swanton; Sun- Thurs 6am- 9pm, Fri & Sat 6am- 10pm

HARFORD

Autumn Sky Outfitters, 410-836-3660; 3403 Conowingo Rd., Street; Mon-Fri 11am-8pm, Sat 9am-5pm
Broad Creek Fishing Center, 4107 A Flintville Rd., Darlington; Mon- Sat 9am- 9pm, Sun 9am- 2pm
Deer Creek Archery, 410-734-9554; 3021 Churchville Rd. Churchville; Mon 4pm- 8pm, Tues- Fri 12pm- 9pm, Sat- Sun 10am- 8pm
Elwoods Backwoods Sports, 410-679-7871; 514 Pulaski Hwy., Joppa; Mon- Sat 9am- 5pm
F.T.S. Taxidermy & Deer Processing, 410-838-6109 or 410-879-9244; Forest Hill Industrial Air Park off E. Jarrettsville Rd., Forest Hill; Mon- Sat 9am- 9pm; Firearms Season: Sun 10am- 2pm
Tom Thompson Deer Processing, 410-557-9484; 2121 Cox Rd., Jarrettsville; Call for hours

Deer and Turkey Checking Stations -continued-

HOWARD

Fosters Country Store, 410-988-9318; 11707 Frederick Rd., Ellicott City; Mon- Sat 7am- 7pm

KENT

Alexander's Deer Processing, 410-928-3311 or 410-928-3462; 13501 Alexander Rd., 2mi. N. of Massey; Mon- Sat 8am- 9pm, Sun 8am- 12 noon

Charlie's Whitetail Custom Cutting, 410-928-5326; 10810 Big Stone Rd., Millington; Mon- Sat 7am- 9pm, Sun 8am- 12 noon

Pomona General Store, 410-778-0932; Rt. 289 Quaker Neck Rd., Pomona, 4 miles south of Chestertown; Mon- Fri 6:30am- 7pm, Sat 8am- 7pm, Sun 8am- 3pm

Toy's Outdoor Store, 410-778-2561; 1.5 miles north of Rock Hall on Rt. 20; Bow Season: Mon- Sun 8am- 6pm; Firearm Season: Mon- Sun 5am- 8pm; Muzzleloader Season: Mon- Sun 6am- 6pm

Vonnie's Sporting Goods, 410-778-5655; Int. of Rts. 213 & 298, Kennedyville; Mon- Sat 5:30am- 9pm, Sun 9am- 9pm

MONTGOMERY

Farm and Home Service Inc., 301-916-8147; 23000 Davis Mill Rd., Germantown; Mon- Sat 8:30am- 5pm

Poole's General Store, 301-948-5372; 16315 River Rd., Poolesville; Mon- Sat 7am- 6pm

Sunshine Corner Store, 301-774-7428; 22300 Georgia Ave., Brookville; Mon- Sat 8am- 6pm, Sun 8am- 4pm

Tinkers Taxidermy, 301-349-2413; 20005 C Fisher Ave., Poolesville; Mon- Sat 10am- 6pm, Sun 9am- noon

PRINCE GEORGE'S

Aquasco Quick Stop, 301-579-2400; 20200 Aquasco Rd., Aquasco; Mon- Thur 9am- 8pm, Fri- Sat 9am- 9pm

Holiday Sports, Inc., 301-894-3322; 4520 St. Barnabas Rd., Temple Hill; Mon- Sat 7am- 7pm, Sun 7am- 4pm

QUEEN ANNE'S

Corkell's Grocery & Deli, 410-438-3803; Rt. 313 N. of Sudlersville; Mon- Sat 7am- 8pm, Sun 9am- 8pm; deer firearms season Mon- Sat 7am- 9pm, Sun 9am- 8pm

Hillside Market, 410-758-2650; Rt. 213, Centerville; Mon- Sun 5am- 10pm

Rhoades Store, 410-556-6355; Main Street, Church Hill; Mon- Sat 6am- 9pm, Sun 7am- 9pm

Island Hunting & Fishing, 410-643-4224; Rt. 50 E, exit 40A (115 South Piney Creek Rd.), Chester; Mon- Sat 5am- 7pm, Sun 5am- 4pm

ST. MARY'S

Cartwrights Gas & Go (formerly New Market Texaco), 301-884-3291; Charlotte Hall; Mon- Sat 6am- 8pm, Sun 7am- 7pm

The Tackle Box, 301-863-8151 or 1-800-397-8151; Lexington Park; Mon- Sun 9am- 6pm

Third Base, 301-475-9554; 28085 Point Lookout Rd., Loveville; Mon- Sun 6am- 10pm

SOMERSET

Buck's Store, 410-957-6518; Cokesbury Rd. and Dublin Rd.; Mon- Sat 7am- 10pm, Sun 12 noon-10pm

L.E. Hitch & Sons, 410-219-5887; Rt. 13 S., Eden; Mon- Sun 7am- 7pm

413 Mini Market, 410-623-2247; Int. of Rts. 667 & 413, Marion; Mon- Sat 5am- 9pm, Sun 6am- 9pm

White's Market, 410-651-3370; 26519 Deal Is. Rd., St. Stephens; Mon- Thurs 6am- 9pm, Fri- Sat 6am- 10pm, Sun 7am- 9pm

Wink's Sporting Goods, 410-621-0400; Corner of Mt. Vernon Rd. and Rt. 13, Princess Anne; Mon- Fri 8am- 8pm, Sat 10am- 6pm

TALBOT

Choptank Inn, 410-822-9719; Rt. 50, Easton; Mon- Sat 7am- 2am

Shore Sportsman, 410-820-5599; 8232 Ocean Gateway, Rt. 50, Easton; Mon- Sat 8am- 6pm, Sun 9am- 4pm

St. Michaels Automotive, 410-745-2848, 906 Talbot St., St. Michaels; Mon- Sat 8am- 6pm, Sun 9am- 3pm

Wittman Market, 410-820-5658; Rt. 33 & Pot Pie Rd., Wittman; Mon- Sat 6am- 6pm, Sun 8am- 2pm

WASHINGTON

Battleview Market, 301-432-2676; 5331 Sharpsburg Pike, Sharpsburg; Mon- Sun 7am- 10pm

Clear Spring Domestic & Imports Auto, 301-842-3268, 13102 Clear Spring Rd., Clear Spring; Mon- Sun 7am- 10pm

Downsville General Store, 301-223-4217 or 301-223-6401, 8638 Downsville Pk., Williamsport; Mon- Fri 6am- 9:30pm, Sat 6am- 10pm, Sun 7am- 9:30pm

Dugan's Sporting Goods, 301-678-5691; West Main St., Hancock; Mon- Sat 9am- 5pm, Nov. 26 & 27 9am- 7pm, Nov. 29- Dec. 11 9am- 5pm

Himes Store, 301-834-9815; 1324 Weaverton Rd., Knoxville; Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat 9am- 7pm, Wed 9am- 6:30pm, closed Sun

Keystone Sporting Goods, 301-733-0373; 13611 Pennsylvania Ave., Hagerstown; Mon- Fri 9am- 8pm, Sat 9am- 5pm, Sun 12pm- 5pm (Aug.- Dec. only)

Murray's Sports Center, 301-223-6278; 101 Sunset Ave., Williamsport; Mon- Sat 9am- 8pm, Sun 9am- 7pm

WICOMICO

Dave's Sports Shop, 410-742-2454; Rt. 349, 23701 Nanticoke Rd., Quantico; Tues- Sun 10am- 6pm, closed Mon except during Firearms Season

Pioneer Sports, 410-546-9599; 104 N. Fruitland Blvd., Fruitland; Mon- Sun 7am- 6pm

Powellville Store, 410-835-2221; Rt. 354, Powellville; Mon- Sat 5:30am- 8pm, Sun 7am- 12 noon

Wise Mart, 410-883-3648; 806 Main St., Sharptown; Mon- Sat 6am- 9pm, Sun 7am- 9pm

WORCESTER

Buck's Place, 410-641-4177; Corner of Rt. 376 & Rt. 611, Assateague Rd., Berlin; Mon- Sun 6am- 7pm

Newark Station, 410-632-3775; Rt. 113, Newark; Mon- Sun 6am- 10pm; Firearms Season: Mon- Sun 5am- 10pm

Rainy Days, Inc., 410-641-5029; Rt. 589, Berlin; Mon- Fri 9am- 5pm, Sat- Sun 9am- 4pm; Firearms Season: 9am- 7pm

Sea Hawk Sports Center, 410-957-0198; Rt. 13 S., 4 miles past Pocomoke; Mon- Tues 6am- 6pm, Wed. 6am- 3pm, Thurs- Sat 6am- 6pm, Sun 6am- 3pm

Stockton Sportsman Club, 410-632-0069; 1745 Snow Hill Rd., Stockton; Mon- Thur 9am- 9pm, Fri- Sat 9am- 2am, Sun 12:30pm- 7pm

HOSPITALS WITH EMERGENCY ROOMS

Baltimore City

Bon Secours Hospital, 2000 West Baltimore St., Baltimore, MD 21223; 410-362-3075

Good Samaritan Hospital, 5601 Loch Raven Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21239; 410-532-4040

Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, 4940 Eastern Ave., Baltimore, MD 21224; 410-550-0350

The Johns Hopkins Hospital, 600 North Wolfe St., Baltimore, MD 21287; 410-955-2280

Maryland General Hospital, 827 Linden Ave., Baltimore, MD 21201; 410-225-8100

Mercy Medical Center, 301 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202; 410-332-9477

Saint Agnes Hospital, 900 Caton Ave., Baltimore, MD 21229; 410-368-2000

Sinai Hospital of Baltimore, 2401 West Belvedere Ave., Baltimore, MD 21215; 410-601-8800

University of Maryland Medical Center, 22 South Green St., Baltimore, MD 21201; 410-328-9595

Union Memorial Hospital, 201 East University Pkwy., Baltimore, MD 21218; 410-554-2600

Allegany County

Cumberland Memorial Hospital, 600 Memorial Ave., Cumberland, MD 21502; 301-723-4100

Sacred Heart Hospital, 900 Seton Dr., Cumberland, MD 21502; 301-723-5161

Anne Arundel County

Anne Arundel Medical Center, 2001 Medical Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401; 443-481-1200

North Arundel Hospital, 301 Hospital Dr., Glen Burnie, MD 21061; 410-787-4565

Baltimore County

Northwest Hospital Center, 5401 Old Court Rd., Randallstown, MD 21133; 410-521-5950

Franklin Square Hospital Center, 9000 Franklin Square Dr., Baltimore, MD 21237; 443-777-7357

Greater Baltimore Medical Center, 6701 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21204; 410-849-2226

Saint Joseph Medical Center, 7601 Osler Dr., Towson, MD 21204-7582; 410-337-1226

Calvert County

Calvert Memorial Hospital, 100 Hospital Rd., Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-8344

Carroll County

Carroll County General Hospital, 200 Memorial Ave., Westminster, MD 21157; 410-871-6700

Cecil County

Union Hospital of Cecil County, 106 Bow St., Elkton, MD 21921; 410-392-7061

Charles County

Physicians Memorial Hospital, 701 E. Charles St., LaPlata, MD 20646; 301-609-4160

Dorchester County

Dorchester General Hospital, 300 Byrn St., Cambridge MD 21613; 410-228-5511 ext. 8360

Frederick County

Frederick Memorial Hospital, 400 West Seventh St., Frederick, MD 21701; 301-698-3500

Garrett County

Garrett County Memorial Hospital, 251 North Fourth St., Oakland, MD 21550; 301-533-4190

Harford County

Harford Memorial Hospital, 501 South Union Ave., Havre de Grace, MD 21078; 443-843-5500

Upper Chesapeake Medical Center, 500 Upper Chesapeake Drive, Bel Air, MD 21014; 443-643-2000

Howard County

Howard County General Hospital, 5755 Cedar Lane, Columbia, MD 21044; 410-740-7777

Kent County

Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital, Inc., 100 Brown St., Chestertown, MD 21620; 410-778-3300 ext. 2505

Montgomery County

Holy Cross Hospital, 1500 Forest Glen Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20910; 301-754-7500

Montgomery General Hospital, 18101 Prince Phillip Dr., Olney, MD 20832; 301-774-8900

Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, 9901 Medical Center Dr., Rockville, MD 20850; 301-279-6053

Suburban Hospital, 8600 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda, MD 20814; 301-896-3880

Washington Adventist Hospital, 7600 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20912; 301-891-5070

Prince George's County

Doctor's Community Hospital, 8118 Good Luck Rd., Lanham, MD 20706; 301-552-8665

Laurel Regional Hospital, 7300 Van Dusen St., Laurel, MD 20707; 301-497-7954

Prince George's Hospital Center, 3001 Hospital Dr., Cheverly, MD 20785; 301-618-3751

Southern Maryland Hospital Center, 7503 Surratts Rd., Clinton, MD 20735; 301-877-4500

St. Mary's County

St. Mary's Hospital, 25500 Fort Lookout Rd., Leonardtown, MD 20650; 301-475-6110

Somerset County

McCready Memorial Hospital, 201 Hall Hwy., Crisfield, MD 21817; 410-968-0332

Talbot County

Memorial Hospital At Easton, 219 S. Washington St., Easton, MD 21601; 410-822-1000 ext. 5557

Hospitals with Emergency Rooms -continued-

Washington County

Washington County Hospital, 251 E. Antietam St., Hagerstown, MD 21740; 301-790-8300

Wicomico County

Peninsula Regional Medical Center, 100 E. Carroll St., Salisbury, MD 21801; 410-543-7101

Worcester County

Atlantic General Hospital, 9733 Healthway Dr., Berlin, MD 21811; 410-641-1100

Federal Government Hospitals With Emergency Rooms

Naval Hospital, 8901 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814-5011 (Rockville Pike, Bethesda); 301-295-4810

PUBLIC HUNTING LANDS

Including: Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), Cooperative Wildlife Management Areas (CWMAs), Natural Environment Areas (NEAs), Natural Resources Management Areas (NRMAs), and Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission (MNCPPC) managed lands.

Note: Hunting and trapping on public hunting lands is permitted in accordance with state and federal laws and the restrictions for each area. Call to check on rules or conditions for each location. Office hours may vary.

Allegany

For information on the following areas call: 301-478-2525

Dan's Mountain WMA- 9,504 acres - Furbearers, forest game and deer (bow, muzzleloader, shotgun and rifle).

Warrior Mountain WMA- 4,417 acres - Furbearers, forest game, upland game and deer (bow, muzzleloader, shotgun, rifle).

Billmeyer-Belle Grove WMA- 1,066 acres - Furbearers, forest game, upland game and deer (bow, muzzleloader, shotgun, rifle). Disabled accessible.

Baltimore

For information on the following areas call: 410-356-9272

Gwynnbrook WMA- 25 acres- deer (bow only). Permit required.

Liberty Watershed- 9,200 acres - Forest game, upland game and deer (bow only). Permit required. Application on page 35.

Prettyboy Watershed- 7,380 acres - Forest game, upland game and deer (bow only). Permit required. Application on page 35.

Calvert

For information on the following areas call: 301-743-5161

Huntingtown NRMA- 960 acres - Forest game, upland game, deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun), waterfowl lottery, dove. Daily sign-in required. Permit required for blinds. Disabled accessible.

Hall Creek NRMA- 275 acres - Forest game, upland game, waterfowl and deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun). Waterfowl by lottery. Daily sign-in required. Permit required for blinds.

Flag Ponds Park CWMA- 100 acres - Deer (bow only). Permit required.

Caroline

Ayton Tree Nursery- 5 acres - Dove only. Daily permit required. 410-673-2467

Bridgetown Ponds NRMA- Deer (bow only). Restricted Season: Nov. 27, 2004- Jan. 31, 2005. Daily sign-in required at Tuckahoe State Park. 410-820-1668.

Idylwild WMA- 3,382 acres - Furbearers (trapping permits issued through bid process), forest game, upland game, waterfowl, dove and deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun). Disabled accessible zone by permit only. 410-376-3236. For a map of Idylwild, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Wildlife & Heritage Service, 4220 Steele Neck Rd. Vienna, MD 21869.

Carroll

For information on the following areas call: 410-356-9272 (except Morgan Run NEA)

Farver CWMA- 23 acres - Deer (bow only). Permit required.

Hahn CWMA- 40 acres - Deer (bow only). Permit required.

Hanover Watershed- 337 acres - Forest game, upland game and deer (bow, muzzleloader and rifle). Permit required.

Maring CWMA- 237 acres - Forest game, upland game and deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun). Permit required.

Morgan Run NEA- 1,300 acres - Deer (bow and muzzleloader). Permit required. 410-461-5005

Raincliffe CWMA- 35 acres - Deer (bow only). Permit required. Saturday only.

Sawmill CWMA- 500 acres - Forest game, upland game and deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun). Permit required.

Slacks CWMA- 135 acres - Deer (bow, shotgun, and muzzle-loader). Permit required.

Speigel CWMA- 250 acres - Forest game, upland game and deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun). Permit required.

Woodbrook CWMA- 522 acres - Forest game, upland game and deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun). Permit required.

Cecil

Earlville WMA- 195 acres -Forest game, upland game, waterfowl and deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun). Permit required. Disabled accessible. 410-356-9272

Fair Hill NRMA- 5,613 acres - Deer (bow and managed shotgun hunting). Permit required. 410-398-1246

C & D Canal Lands- permit required. Disabled accessible except Bethel, Elk Forest, and Grove Neck.

For information on the following areas call: 410-356-9272

- **Bethel**- 400 acres - Forest game, upland game, waterfowl and deer (bow only).
- **Courthouse Point**- 315 acres - Forest game, upland game, waterfowl and deer (bow only).
- **Elk Forest**- 242 acres - Forest game, upland game, waterfowl and deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun).
- **Grove Neck**- Waterfowl only from two blind sites on the Sassafras River. No on site boat access available.
- **Stemmers Run**- 750 acres - Forest game, upland game, waterfowl, and deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun). Boat access restricted to waterfowl hunting only.
- **Welch Point**- 77 acres - Forest game, upland game, waterfowl and deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun).

Charles

For information on the following areas call: 301-743-5161

Blossom Point CWMA- Waterfowl blind sites. Lottery. Permit required. Boat access only.

Chicamuxen WMA- 381 acres - Furbearers, forest game, upland game, dove, waterfowl and deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun). Permit required for blinds only.

Indian Creek NRMA- 680 acres - Forest game, upland game, dove, waterfowl and deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun). Daily sign-in required.

Myrtle Grove WMA- 1,748 acres - Furbearers, forest game, upland game, dove, waterfowl and deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun). Shooting range.

Douglas Point WMA/CWMA- 1,263 acres - Furbearers, forest game, and upland game.

Dorchester

For information on the following areas call: 410-376-3236. For maps of the following areas, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Wildlife & Heritage Service, 4220 Steele Neck Rd. Vienna, MD 21869. Add extra postage for more than one map.

Fishing Bay WMA- 28,518 acres - Furbearers (trapping permits issued through bid process), designated nutria hunting areas, forest game, waterfowl, white-tailed and sika deer (bow, muzzleloader, shotgun and rifle).

LeCompte WMA- 485 acres - Furbearers (trapping permits issued through bid process), forest game, upland game, dove, waterfowl (mobility impaired and youth hunting by permit only), deer (bow, muzzleloader, shotgun and rifle). No squirrel hunting. Disabled accessible zone by permit only.

Linkwood WMA- 313 acres - Furbearers (trapping permits issued through bid process), forest game, upland game and deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun only).

Taylor's Island WMA- 1,114 acres - Furbearers (trapping permits issued through bid process), forest game, upland game, waterfowl, white-tailed and sika deer (bow, muzzleloader, shotgun and rifle). Primarily boat access.

Frederick

Frederick City Watershed CWMA- 7,300 acres - Forest game and deer (bow, muzzleloader, shotgun and rifle). 301-842-2702

Heater's Island WMA- 194 acres - Furbearers, forest game, waterfowl and deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun). Boat access only. 301-842-2702

Monocacy NRMA- 1,800 acres - Forest game, upland game, waterfowl, dove and deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun). 301-924-2127

Thurmont Watershed CWMA- 300 acres - Forest game and deer (bow, muzzleloader, shotgun and rifle). 301-842-2702

Garrett

Mt. Nebo WMA- 1,838 acres - Furbearers, forest game, upland game, waterfowl and deer (bow, muzzleloader, shotgun and rifle). Disabled accessible. 301-334-4255

Youghiogheny Reservoir CWMA- 900 acres - Forest game, upland game, waterfowl and deer (bow, muzzleloader, shotgun and rifle). Disabled accessible. 301-334-4255

Youghiogheny Scenic Wild River- 1200 acres - Forest game, upland game, dove, waterfowl and deer (bow, muzzleloader, shotgun and rifle). 301-387-5563

Howard

Hugg-Thomas WMA- 276 acres - Forest game, upland game, dove and deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun). Permit required. Disabled accessible. 410-356-9272

Kent

Millington WMA- 3,800 acres - Furbearers (trapping permits issued through bid process), forest game, upland game, dove, waterfowl and deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun). Daily sign-in required. Disabled accessible. 410-928-3650. For a map of Millington, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Wildlife & Heritage Service, 33626 Massey-Delaware Line Rd., Massey, MD 21650.

Sassafras River NRMA- 1,000 acres - Forest Game, upland game, dove, waterfowl (lottery), and deer (bow, muzzleloader, and shotgun). Daily sign-in required. 410-820-1668

Montgomery

For information on the following areas call: 410-356-9272

Cherrington CWMA (MNCPPC)- 275 acres - Deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun). No permit required.

McKee-Beshers WMA- 1,960 acres - Forest game, upland game, dove, deer and waterfowl. No permit required.

Strider 1 WMA- 100 acres - Deer (bow only). Permit required.

Strider 2 WMA- 70 acres - Deer (bow only). Permit required.

Prince George's

For information on the following areas call: 301-743-5161

Aquasco Farm CWMA (MNCPPC)- 150 acres - Deer (bow only). Permit required.

Bowen WMA- 300 acres - Furbearers and waterfowl. Lottery. Permit required. Boat access only.

Cheltenham WMA- 15 acres - Dove. Permit required.

Milltown Landing NRMA- 250 acres - Forest game, upland game, dove, waterfowl (by lottery) and deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun). Daily sign-in required. Permit required for blinds.

National Park Service Blind Sites- Waterfowl (by lottery). Permit required. Boat access only.

Nottingham NRMA- 329 acres - Forest game, upland game, dove, waterfowl (by lottery) and deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun). Daily sign-in required. Permit required for blinds.

Patuxent River Park/Billingsly (MNCPPC)- 400 acres - Deer by lottery only. Select dates during Early Muzzleloader and Firearms Seasons. Permit required.

Patuxent River Park/Jug Bay (MNCPPC)- 100 acres - Squirrel and rabbit only. Permit required.

Spice Creek NRMA- 230 acres - Forest game, upland game, dove, waterfowl (by lottery) and deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun). Daily sign-in required. Permit required for blinds.

Queen Anne's

Wye Island NRMA- 2,500 acres - Deer (bow and early muzzle-loader hunt). Bow Seasons: Oct. 2 - Oct. 23, Nov. 2 - Nov. 23, Tue. through Sat. (daily permit required, 1st come, 25 hunters/day). Muzzleloader Season: Oct. 27 physically challenged persons (only) lottery hunt, Oct. 28 Becoming an Outdoors Woman lottery hunt, Oct. 29 all eligible muzzleloader hunters, Oct. 30 junior (only) lottery hunt. Canada goose lottery hunting: Tue., Thur., and Sat. during the last split of the Migratory Canada Goose Season (request an application by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the address below). For deer hunting use the lottery application on page 34 or request one by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Wye Island NRMA, 632 Wye Island Rd., Queenstown, MD 21658 410-827-7577 or download an application from the DNR website: <http://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/deerhunting.html>

Somerset

For information on the following areas call: 410-543-8223

Cedar Island WMA- 2,880 acres - Furbearers (trapping permits issued through bid process) and waterfowl. Boat access only.

Deal Island WMA- 13,400 acres - Furbearers (trapping permits issued through bid process), forest game, upland game, dove, waterfowl and deer (bow, muzzleloader, shotgun and rifle). Impoundment area open for hunting during the following: Junior Waterfowl Hunting Day (for persons aged 15 or younger); October duck season on opening day, Wednesday and any Saturday; November duck season on opening day, Tuesdays, Fridays,

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Saturdays, and Thanksgiving; all hunting days during the December/January duck season. The impoundment will be closed to hunting on all other days during the above seasons, during the resident Canada goose season and during the September teal season. Lottery permit required for impoundment on certain dates. To request a lottery application, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Wellington WMA, 32733 Dublin Rd., Princess Anne, MD 21853. Requests for applications must be received by Sept. 1. Multiple application requests require extra postage!

Fairmount WMA- 5,054 acres- Furbearers (trapping permits issued through bid process), forest game, waterfowl and deer (bow, muzzleloader, shotgun and rifle). Lottery for impoundment on certain dates. To request a lottery application, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Wellington WMA. See address above. Requests for applications must be received by Sept. 1. Multiple application requests require extra postage!

Maryland Marine Properties WMA- 1,130 acres - Furbearers (trapping permits issued through bid process), forest game, upland game, dove, waterfowl and deer (bow, muzzleloader, shotgun and rifle).

Pocomoke Sound WMA- 922 acres - Furbearers (trapping permits issued through bid process) and waterfowl. Boat access only.

South Marsh WMA- 2,969 acres - Furbearers (trapping permits issued through bid process) and waterfowl. Boat access only.

Wellington WMA- 429 acres - Furbearers (trapping permits issued through bid process), forest game, upland game, dove and deer (bow, muzzleloader, shotgun and rifle).

St. Mary's

For information on the following areas call: 301-743-5161

Elms CWMA- 975 acres - Forest game, upland game, dove, waterfowl and deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun). No wood-chuck. Permit and reservation required. Spring turkey hunting on Saturdays only. Environmental education on site.

Myrtle Point CWMA Blind Sites- Waterfowl. Waterfowl season third split only. Lottery, Permit required. Boat access only.

Washington

Indian Springs WMA- 6,750 acres - Furbearers, forest game, upland game, dove, waterfowl and deer (bow, muzzleloader, shotgun and rifle). Disabled accessible. 301-842-2702

Sideling Hill WMA- 3,100 acres - Furbearers, forest game and deer (bow, muzzleloader, shotgun and rifle). 301-842-2702

Woodmont- 2,400 acres - Forest game, upland game and deer (bow, muzzleloader, shotgun and rifle). Disabled accessible. 301-842-2155

Wicomico

For information on the following areas call: 410-543-8223

Ellis Bay WMA- 2,981 acres - Furbearers (trapping permits issued through bid process), forest game, waterfowl and deer (bow, muzzleloader, shotgun and rifle).

Johnson WMA- 115 acres - Furbearers (trapping permits issued through bid process), forest game, upland game and deer (bow only).

Nanticoke River WMA- 1,688 acres - Furbearers (trapping permits issued through bid process), forest game, upland game, dove, waterfowl and deer (bow, muzzleloader, shotgun and rifle).

Worcester

For information on the following areas call: 410-543-8223

Pocomoke River WMA- 1,016 acres - Furbearers (trapping permits issued through bid process), forest game, upland game, dove, waterfowl and deer (bow, muzzleloader, shotgun and rifle).

E. A. Vaughn WMA- 2,630 acres - Furbearers (trapping permits issued through bid process), forest game, upland game, dove, waterfowl and deer (bow, muzzleloader, shotgun and rifle). Disabled accessible north of Scarboro Creek. Caution squirrel hunters: endangered Delmarva Fox Squirrel may not be hunted.

Isle of Wight WMA- 232 acres - Furbearers (trapping permits issued through bid process), forest game, waterfowl and deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun). Area south of Rt. 90 closed to hunting.

Sinepuxent Islands WMA- 25 acres - Furbearers (trapping permits issued through bid process) and waterfowl. Boat access only.

Hickory Point Natural Heritage Area- 1,735 acres - Forest game and deer (bow, muzzleloader, shotgun and rifle).

HUNTING AND TRAPPING ON STATE PARKS

Hunting is allowed in many State Parks from September 1 through the end of spring turkey season, with exceptions. Trapping, raccoon hunting and fox chasing are allowed in some park areas by permit only. Park hours and days of operation are subject to change.

Hunting devices are sometimes restricted, so call the facility before coming to hunt.

Firearms and bows may be carried across closed sections of State Parks by licensed hunters during regular hunting seasons in order to reach park, private or other state areas open to hunting. These hunting devices must be unloaded and cased, carried with the breech open or broken, or with arrows in a quiver.

Tree stands are limited to those of a temporary nature which must be removed or dismantled at the end of each day. No one may construct permanent tree stands in State Park areas. No one may construct stationary blinds for hunting waterfowl. DNR reserves the right to construct these facilities. No target shooting is permitted, except at public shooting ranges. The use of hunting dogs by a licensed person in designated hunting areas for legal species is permitted.

If you are interested in hunting in a specific park, call the number listed to obtain information. Always check with the facility prior to planning a hunting trip.

Hunting is permitted in designated areas of the following State Parks. An (*) indicates archery shooting range. Facilities marked (V) have provisions for assisting individuals with permits to hunt from a vehicle. For information on a permit to hunt from a vehicle see page 7.

Allegany

(V) **Rocky Gap State Park**- Certain Areas Bow Only. Special provisions to assist mobility-impaired hunters. Permit required. Deer firearms only. No waterfowl hunting. 301-777-2139

Baltimore

***Gunpowder Falls State Park**- Hammerman, Days Cove and North Point Areas- Waterfowl blinds with permit required. 410-335-3461. Sweet Air/Pleasantville Areas- Managed deer hunt with shotgun. Permit required. Hereford Area- Deer (Bow only), Permit required. 410-592-2897

Calvert

Calvert Cliffs State Park- Forest game, upland game and deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun). Daily sign-in required. Contact: Southern Maryland Recreational Complex. 301-888-1410

Caroline

*(V) **Tuckahoe State Park**- Forest game, upland game, deer, waterfowl. Daily sign-in required. Migratory goose hunting by lottery. No firearms prior to October 15. 410-820-1668

Carroll

Patapsco Valley State Park- Deer (bow only). Permit required. 410-461-5005

Cecil

(V) **Elk Neck State Park**- Deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun). Permit required. Waterfowl (7 offshore blind sites). Permit required. Note: For the 2004/2005 season, the boat ramp at Elk Neck State Park will be closed for repairs beginning in October. Access to blind sites will only be available from other ramps. 410-287-5333

Charles

(V) **Chapel Point State Park**- Forest game, upland game, dove, waterfowl, deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun). Daily sign-in required. No breech-loading rifles. Contact Southern Maryland Recreational Complex. 301-888-1410

Purse State Park- Forest game, upland game, waterfowl, deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun). Daily sign-in required. No breech-loading rifles. Contact: Southern Maryland Recreational Complex. 301-888-1410

Frederick

(V) **Cunningham Falls State Park**- Special provisions to assist mobility-impaired hunters. Call for details. Permit required for raccoon hunting and fox chasing. 301-271-7574

Garrett

Deep Creek Lake State Park- Furbearers, forest game, upland game, dove and deer (bow, muzzleloader, shotgun and rifle). No waterfowl hunting. 301-387-4111

Harford

Gunpowder Falls State Park- See Baltimore County

Rocks State Park- Deer (bow only). 410-557-7994

Susquehanna State Park- Deer (bow only). Permit required. Contact Rocks State Park. 410-557-7994

Howard

Patapsco Valley State Park- See Carroll County

Patuxent River State Park- Forest game, upland game, deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun) Permit required for raccoon hunting only. Contact Seneca Creek State Park. 301-924-2127 for permit or further information.

Montgomery

Patuxent River State Park- See Howard County

Seneca Creek State Park- Forest game, upland game, dove, deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun) Permit required for raccoon hunting. Clopper Area has special managed hunt for deer. Permit required. 301-924-2127

Queen Anne's

*(V) **Tuckahoe State Park**- See Caroline County

Wye Island NRMA- See Queen Anne's County in previous section.

Somerset

Janes Island State Park- Waterfowl hunting only. Sites for temporary blinds. 410-968-1565

St. Mary's

(V) **Greenwell State Park**- Forest game, upland game, dove, waterfowl and deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun). Daily sign-in required. No breech-loading rifles. 301-373-2320

Point Lookout State Park- Waterfowl, deer [bow, muzzleloader (no early season) and shotgun]. Daily sign-in required. 301-872-5688

St. Clement's Island State Park- Rabbit and waterfowl hunting only. Contact Point Lookout State Park. 301-872-5688

St. Mary's River State Park- Forest game, upland game, deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun). Daily sign-in required. No breech-loading rifles. Contact Point Lookout State Park. 301-872-5688

Washington

Fort Frederick State Park- Managed hunt for deer (shotgun). Permit required. 301-842-2155

Greenbrier State Park- Permit required for raccoon hunting and fox chasing. Contact South Mountain Recreation Area. 301-791-4767

South Mountain State Park- Contact South Mountain Recreation Area: 301-791-4767

HUNTING AND TRAPPING ON STATE FORESTS

Hunting with rifles, handguns, shotguns, bows and muzzleloaders is permitted in all designated areas in accordance with state and federal laws except for Seth Demonstration Forest. At Seth, deer may be hunted by bow and arrow only. Trapping, raccoon hunting and fox chasing are allowed in some forest areas, by permit only. Possession or use of weapons is prohibited in state forests outside of regular open hunting seasons. Target shooting is prohibited, except at public shooting ranges.

All game birds and game animals may be hunted or trapped. Tree stands are limited to those of a temporary nature which must be removed or dismantled at the end of each day. The use of hunting dogs by a licensed person in designated hunting areas for legal species is permitted.

The hunting and trapping seasons in State Forests conform to standard hunting seasons adopted by state and federal regulations. An (*) indicates archery shooting range. Facilities marked (V) have provisions for assisting individuals with permits to hunt from a vehicle.

Allegany

(V) **Green Ridge State Forest**- Public shooting range. Permit required. Permit required for trapping, raccoon hunting and fox chasing. Call for hours and fees; 301-777-2139

Cecil

(V) **Elk Neck State Forest**- Public shooting range. Permit required. Contact Elk Neck State Park; 410-287-5333

Charles

V) **Cedarville State Forest**- No breech loading rifles. Trapping by permit only. Contact Southern Maryland Recreational Complex; 301-888-1410

Garrett

*(V) **Potomac-Garrett State Forest**- Public bow shooting range. Permit required. Permit required for trapping, raccoon hunting and fox chasing. Call for hours and fees; 301-334-2038

Hunting and Trapping on State Forests -continued-

(V) **Savage River State Forest**- Public shooting range. Permit required. Permit required for trapping, raccoon hunting and fox chasing. Call for hours and fees; 301-895-5453

Harford

Stoney Demonstration Forest- Deer (firearms). Lottery. Permit required; 410-356-9272

Prince George's

(V) **Cedarville State Forest**- No breech loading rifles. Trapping by permit only. Contact Southern Maryland Recreational Complex; 301-888-1410

Talbot

Seth Demonstration Forest- Deer hunting with bow only; 410-479-1623

Wicomico

Wicomico Demonstration Forest- Contact Forestry Division; 410-543-1950

Worcester

(V) **Pocomoke River State Forest**- Permit required for trapping, raccoon hunting and fox chasing. Limited vehicle access; 410-632-2566

HUNTING ON OTHER PUBLICLY OWNED PROPERTY

Chesapeake Forest Lands

The Chesapeake Forest Lands are most of the former land holdings of the Chesapeake Forest Products Company. They are comprised of 460 parcels totaling more than 58,000 acres in five lower Eastern Shore counties. In 1999, the State and The Conservation Fund (on behalf of the Richard King Mellon Foundation) purchased these lands.

The following are open to public hunting for the 2004-2005 seasons:

Caroline

Seipp Complex – 108 acres located off Bloomery Road adjacent to Idylwild WMA.

Branch/Messenger Complex – 349 acres located off Houston Branch Road adjacent to Idylwild WMA.

Dorchester

Marshy Hope Complex – 3,408 acres located along Marshy Hope Creek off N. Tara, Harrison Ferry, Wesley, and Puckham Roads.

Hornicke/Oliphant Complex – 370 acres located off Vienna – Henrys Crossroads Road near LeCompte WMA.

Lewis Complex - 1,594 acres located off Henrys Crossroads and Griffith's Neck Road adjacent to Fishing Bay WMA.

South Baumgardner Complex – 210 acres located off Elliotts Island Road adjacent to Fishing Bay WMA.

Wicomico

Brown Tract – 70 acres located off Cooper Mill Road.

Sixty Foot Road Complex – 2,014 acres located off Sixty Foot, Powell and Warren Roads adjacent to the Wicomico Demonstration Forest.

Worcester

Cordery Complex – 625 acres located off Sturgis Road.

Buck Harbor Complex – 318 acres located off Stevens Road.

This area is managed for handicap hunters who are restricted to a wheelchair. For more information contact the National Wild Turkey Federation at 410-742-6408.

Priscilla Pusey Complex – 131 acres located between Stevens Road and Dividing Creek.

Bethards Tract – 40 acres located off Old Furnace and Green Briar Swamp Road adjacent to Pocomoke State Forest.

Whitesburg Complex – 375 acres located off Whitesburg and Old Beech Road adjacent to Pocomoke State Forest.

Appar Tract – 200 acres located off Sand Road adjacent to Pocomoke State Forest.

Johnson & Johnson Tract – 853 acres located off Corner House Road adjacent to Pocomoke State Forest.

Tankard Farm Complex – 880 acres located off Whitesburg and Oak Hall, and Fleming Mill Roads adjacent to Pocomoke State Forest. This complex is comprised of three separate tracts they are the Creek, Chatham and Tankard Farm.

Somerset

Oriole Complex – 568 acres located off the west side of Oriole Back Road adjacent to Deal Island WMA.

Wells Complex – 1,932 acres located off Mitchell Road and Route 13 near Costen Station Road adjacent to Wellington WMA.

Waterfowl Hunting Opportunities: Waterfowl hunting will be on a first come basis from the shoreline of the following areas: Dorchester County- Marshy Hope Complex (4.3 miles of shoreline) and the Lewis complex (4.3 miles of shoreline); Wicomico county- Ventor/Lathrop complex with 1.4 miles of shoreline.

Note: The public should take special note of the following two regulations pertaining to hunting on Chesapeake Forest Lands:

- 1. An individual may not hunt within 150 yards of an occupied structure or camp.**
- 2. An individual may not hunt within 150 feet of any exterior Chesapeake Forest Lands boundary, nor shoot on, from or across any public road.**

For more information, maps, and updates on Chesapeake Forest Lands open to public hunting go to the Forest Service web site at: www.dnr.maryland.gov/forests/ and click on Chesapeake Forest.

Federal and Local Jurisdiction Properties

Hunting is allowed on some federal property in Maryland, as well as on some properties owned by local jurisdictions. Though state wildlife regulations and laws apply throughout Maryland, these other properties restrict public access by their own authority. Their hours, seasons, hunting devices, bag limits and other details may differ from state information. For information about hunting on non-state owned properties, you must contact the administrative offices of the properties themselves. Federal facilities in Maryland include: Aberdeen Proving Grounds (Harford, 410-278-4124); Assateague Island National Seashore (Worcester, 410-641-3030); Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge (Dorchester, 410-228-2692, ext. 120; 410-228-2677); Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge (Kent, 410-639-7056); North Tract-Patuxent Wildlife Research Center (Anne Arundel, 410-674-3304); and Beltsville Agriculture Research Center (Prince George's, 301-504-6009). County facilities include: MNCPPC Parks (Montgomery, 301-949-4149); Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks (Howard, 301-313-1675).

C & O Canal National Historical Park

Hunters, during designated state hunting seasons, with firearms unloaded, traditional bows unstrung, compound bows unnocked and dogs leashed, may cross the C & O Canal National Historical Park lands by the most direct route only at designated locations. Hunters may also transport legally taken and properly tagged game across park property at the same designated locations. A listing of these designated locations is published annually in the Park's Compendium and may be obtained by contacting the C & O Canal National Historic Park at these numbers: Sharpsburg, 301-739-4200; Potomac, 301-413-0720; Hancock, 301-678-5463; Oldtown, 301-478-5519; Cumberland, 301-722-8226.

Monocacy National Battlefield-Frederick County

Existing National Park Service (NPS) regulations prohibit hunting and trapping on identified NPS properties. The NPS has informed the State of Maryland that this regulation will be enforced for that portion of the Monocacy River lying within the boundaries of the Monocacy National Battlefield in Frederick County. Hunters may legally traverse the Monocacy River within the boundaries of the park with unloaded and cased firearms only. The boundaries of the park will be marked on both shores by green and white signs.

MANAGED DEER HUNTING PROGRAMS ON PUBLIC LANDS

DNR has implemented managed deer hunting programs in certain areas to more effectively manage white-tailed deer and reduce habitat damage.

Special seasons have been established for these hunting programs in an effort to achieve the desired reductions. The following areas will conduct managed hunting programs during the 2004-2005 hunting season, with a limited number of hunters chosen by lottery:

Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area (Cecil- Region B) 376 Fair Hill Drive, Elkton, MD 21921, 410-398-1246. Limit of 220 hunters.

Gunpowder Falls State Park- Sweet Air and Pleasantville Areas (Baltimore and Harford- Region B) PO Box 480, Kingsville, MD 21087, 410-592-2897. Limit of 110 hunters.

Seneca Creek State Park- Clopper Area (Montgomery- Region B) 11950 Clopper Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20878, 301-924-2127. Limit of 120 hunters.

Fort Frederick State Park (Washington- Region B) 11100 Fort Frederick Road, Big Pool, MD 21711, 301-842-2155. Limit of 50 hunters.

Hunters participating in the Fair Hill, Gunpowder Falls and Seneca Creek hunts **will be allowed to harvest four antlerless deer, which will not count toward the hunter's regular deer firearms season bag limit for the applicable region (Region B).** In addition, approximately 1 out of 10 hunters will be allowed to harvest an antlered deer in lieu of one of the four antlerless deer. Those hunters will be chosen by a drawing on the morning of the hunt.

Hunters participating in the Fort Frederick State Park hunt will be allowed to harvest two antlerless deer, which will not count toward the hunter's regular deer firearms season bag limit.

Shotguns with rifled slugs are the only legal weapons and must

conform to requirements set forth for statewide deer hunting. The use of scopes is permitted and encouraged.

All selected applicants must demonstrate proficiency with the weapon to be used during the hunt. A standardized hunter certification has been established for the above hunts, as well as selected managed hunting programs conducted by other local, state and federal agencies. This system allows a hunter to satisfy the proficiency testing requirement by qualifying at a single site, even if selected for more than one managed hunting program. Additional information regarding these proficiency testing requirements will be made available to successful applicants.

Special qualification sessions have been scheduled for this purpose as follows:

Fair Hill/Gunpowder Falls Hunting Programs: December 12, 2004, Notchcliff Army National Guard Range, Baltimore County.

Fort Frederick Hunting Program: November 21, 2004- 10am, Fort Frederick Range, Washington County. (Note: All hunters must arrive by 10am.)

To Apply for these Lotteries:

- Submit attached application forms (see page 34) with a \$5 application fee per hunt. Make checks payable to DNR.
- Note that application deadlines and addresses may be different for each hunt.
- Maryland hunting license number is required to participate in the lotteries.
- Select your preferred hunting dates by numbering the date blocks (with #1 being your first choice).
- Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Group applications (up to 3) will be accepted. Group applications must be stapled together.
- If you are selected in any of the lotteries, there will be a \$20 permit fee to participate in each hunt.

MANAGED DEER HUNTING IN SOUTHERN MARYLAND

DNR conducts managed deer hunting programs on private and public lands in Southern Maryland. Hunts planned for 2004-2005 include the following properties: Rosaryville State Park, Chapman State Park, Billingsly and Smithsonian. Check the Internet at <http://dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide/> for up to date information on planned hunts or call Myrtle Grove WMA at 301-743-5161.

To apply for these lotteries:

- Hunters must have a valid Maryland hunting license.
- Hunters must have qualified at an approved shooting proficiency test.
- Hunters must have a valid hunter safety certificate.
- Submit an application for each area on separate forms (see page 35).
- Note the application deadlines may be different for each hunt.
- Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Group applications (up to 3) will be accepted. Group applications must be stapled together.
- Duplicate applications will be disqualified.
- Each application must be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped, legal sized envelope.
- No application fee.

SHOOTER QUALIFICATION CARD PROGRAM

DNR facilitates the Shooter Qualification Program. Through this program local sportsman's clubs, shooting clubs, and other groups avail their facilities and expertise to certify hunters. Those hunters, who meet certain shooting qualification standards, become certified and receive a Maryland State Shooter Qualification Card valid for the current year. This card serves as "proof of proficiency" and enables a qualified hunter to be eligible to apply for many of the managed deer hunts held across Maryland.

Shooter Qualification events are held at different times and locations throughout the year. Many of the organizations that host these events charge a fee. MD DNR will issue a press release in the summer announcing the dates for the various qualifications. The DNR website will list the website addresses of participating sportsmen's clubs and other locations where Shooter Qualifications will be held. The DNR website address for this information is: <http://dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide/managed.html>

Hunters interested in participating in managed hunts should contact the organization holding the hunt to learn more about their program and any additional requirements. See pages 33 for information on managed hunts.

Fair Hill NRMA Managed Hunt Application

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street

City State Zip Code

Telephone #: _____

Hunting License #: _____

Number the date blocks, with #1 being your first choice:

☐ January 3, 2005 ☐ January 4, 2005

Mail the completed application with \$5 application fee to:
Fair Hill NRMA, 376 Fair Hill Drive, Elkton, MD 21921.

Deadline for applications is November 10, 2004.

The lottery drawing will be held on November 15, 2004 at 10:00 am.

Seneca Creek State Park Managed Hunt Application

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street

City State Zip Code

Telephone #: _____

Hunting License #: _____

Number the date blocks, with #1 being your first choice:

☐ January 10, 2005 ☐ January 11, 2005

Mail the completed application with \$5 application fee to:
Seneca Creek State Park,
11950 Clopper Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20878.

Deadline for applications is October 25, 2004.

The lottery drawing will be held on October 26, 2004 at 2:00 pm.

Fort Frederick State Park Managed Hunt Application

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street

City State Zip Code

Telephone #: _____

Hunting License #: _____

Number the date blocks, with #1 being your first choice:

☐ December 7, 2004 ☐ December 8, 2004

Mail the completed application with \$5 application fee to:
Fort Frederick State Park,
11100 Fort Frederick Road, Big Pool, MD 21711.

Deadline for applications is October 15, 2004.

The lottery drawing will be held on October 18, 2004 at 9:00 am.

Wye Island NRMA Special Hunts Application (Muzzleloader Only)

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street

City State Zip Code

Telephone #: (work) _____ (home) _____

Hunting License #: _____

Check **ONE** box below. You can only apply for one hunt.

- ☐ October 27, 2004- Physically Challenged Hunt (age 17+)
☐ October 28, 2004- Becoming An Outdoors Woman Hunt (age 17+)
☐ October 29, 2004- All Eligible Hunters
☐ October 30, 2004- Junior Hunt
(Maryland Junior Hunting Licensees Only)

Applications for hunts must be postmarked by September 17, 2004.

The lottery drawing for hunts will be held on
September 20, 2004 at 2:00 pm.

Mail this completed form with a \$5 application fee to:
Wye Island NRMA, 632 Wye Island Road,
Queenstown, MD 21658.

Gunpowder Falls State Park Managed Hunt Application

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street

City State Zip Code

Telephone #: _____

Hunting License #: _____

Number the date blocks, with #1 being your first choice:

☐ January 6, 2005 ☐ January 7, 2005

Mail the completed application with \$5 application fee to:
Gunpowder Falls State Park,
PO Box 480, Kingsville, MD 21087.

Deadline for applications is November 10, 2004.

The lottery drawing will be held on November 10, 2004 at 2:00 pm.

Southern Maryland Managed Deer Hunt Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Area applied for: _____

Hunt Dates (Priority Order): _____

Telephone (day): _____

Telephone (evening): _____

Hunting License #: _____

Handicap Hunt #: _____

Hunting Safety #: _____

Shooter Qualification #: _____

Mail to: Myrtle Grove WMA, 5625 Myrtle Grove Rd.,
LaPlata, MD 20646

Below is a permission form that landowners and hunters may use. The form may be copied as often as needed.

Permission to Hunt and/or Trap

I hereby grant permission to the person named below to hunt and/or trap on my property located at _____

on the following dates: _____

Signed: _____

Agreement

In return for the privilege of hunting and/or trapping on this property, I agree to obey the laws, to observe all safety precautions and practices, to take every precaution against fire, and to assume all responsibility and liability for my person and my property while on the landowners property.

Signed: _____

Address: _____

License #: _____

Date: _____

Permission to Hunt and/or Trap

I hereby grant permission to the person named below to hunt and/or trap on my property located at _____

on the following dates: _____

Signed: _____

Agreement

In return for the privilege of hunting and/or trapping on this property, I agree to obey the laws, to observe all safety precautions and practices, to take every precaution against fire, and to assume all responsibility and liability for my person and my property while on the landowners property.

Signed: _____

Address: _____

License #: _____

Date: _____

Bowhunting at Liberty and Prettyboy Reservoirs

- Parking or driving motor vehicles of any description except on hard surfaced roads is prohibited.
- No fires are permitted on the watershed areas at any time.
- No hunting within fifty (50) feet of high water shoreline.
- No hunting is allowed south of Liberty Road (MD Rt. 26) on Liberty Reservoir in Baltimore County.
- Hunters must adhere to all regulations established by the Baltimore City Bureau of Water and Wastewater.
- Hunters are warned against the disposal of refuse and trash on the watershed area, and violators will be prosecuted in accordance with the law.
- Although not recommended by Baltimore City Department of Public Works, the use of patented portable tree stands is permitted.
- Masks or other face gear shall be removed upon leaving the woods and when approaching within 100 yards of another person.
- Permits are valid for the entire season for the taking of game, except waterfowl, by bow only.

Liberty and Prettyboy Reservoirs 2004-2005

Complete the information below and keep with your hunting license. This permit **must be in your possession** while hunting on the above areas.

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street

City State Zip Code

Hunting License #: _____

Vehicle Tag #(s): _____

This permit is valid only if the DNR registration copy has been completed and sent to the DNR as indicated. Issued in cooperation between the DNR-Wildlife & Heritage Service and the City of Baltimore Bureau of Water and Wastewater. Maps of the watersheds are available from the DNR. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Maryland Department of Natural Resources, 3740 Gwynnbrook Ave., Owings Mills, MD 21117

Liberty and Prettyboy Reservoirs

Bowhunting Permit Registration- 2004-2005

DNR Copy

In order for your permit to be valid, complete the following information and mail to: Maryland Department of Natural Resources, 3740 Gwynnbrook Ave., Owings Mills, MD 21117. Incomplete or unreadable registrations will not be accepted.

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street

City State Zip Code

Telephone #: _____

Hunting License #: _____

Vehicle Tag #(s): _____

No registrations accepted after November 20, 2004.

Sunrise & Sunset at Baltimore, MD (Eastern Standard Time) September 2004 through May 2005

	September		October		November		December		January		February		March		April		May	
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Source: Nautical Almanac, U.S. Naval Observatory. Add one hour for Daylight Savings Time when in effect. These times are for reference only. Consult local newspaper or other media for actual times in your area.

STATE WILDLIFE PROGRAM FUNDING

The majority of funding for Maryland's state wildlife programs comes from hunting licenses and fees and from a special, federal excise tax on sport hunting devices and ammunition. About 85 percent of Maryland's state budget for wildlife programs comes from these two sources. The federal aid funds are derived from an 11 percent excise tax on sport hunting devices and ammunition through the Pittman-Robertson Fund. For the past 68 years, sportsmen and women have been contributing to this fund through the excise tax mechanism. Each state receives a share of the funds, which is administered by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Hunters' dollars are used for hunter education programs, enforcement of wildlife regulations, wildlife-related education programs and conservation programs. Other sources of funds include federal grants and the Chesapeake Bay and Endangered Species Fund, to which donations are made through the Maryland Income Tax Form. If you would like more information about state program funding or programs, contact the DNR Wildlife & Heritage Service at 410-260-8540.

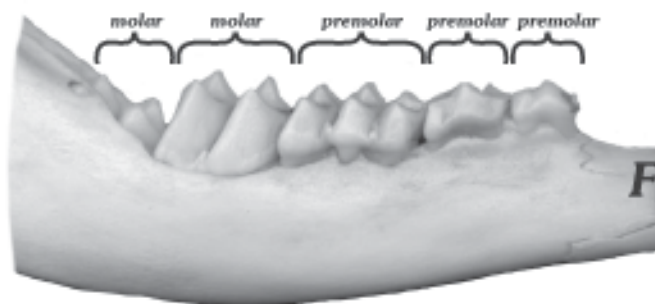
White-tailed Deer Aging

White-tails can be aged using the teeth of the lower jaw.

Age

Age Guidelines

6 months



Five or fewer teeth

**1 year &
4-5 months**



*3rd tooth from
the front of
the mouth has
3 cusps*

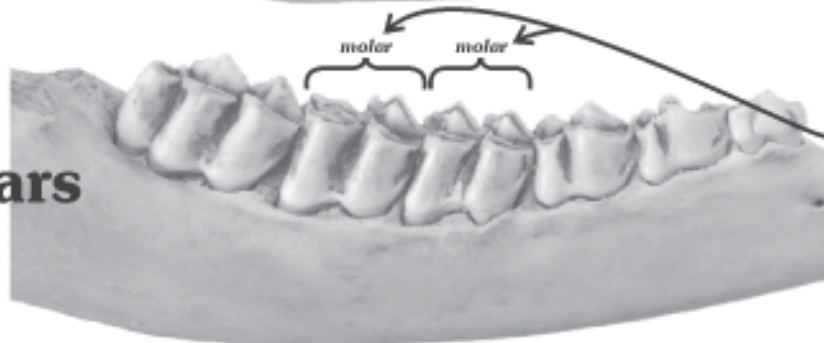
*At about 1 1/2 years old this 3 cusped premolar
is replaced by a 2 cusped premolar*

**1 year &
6 months**



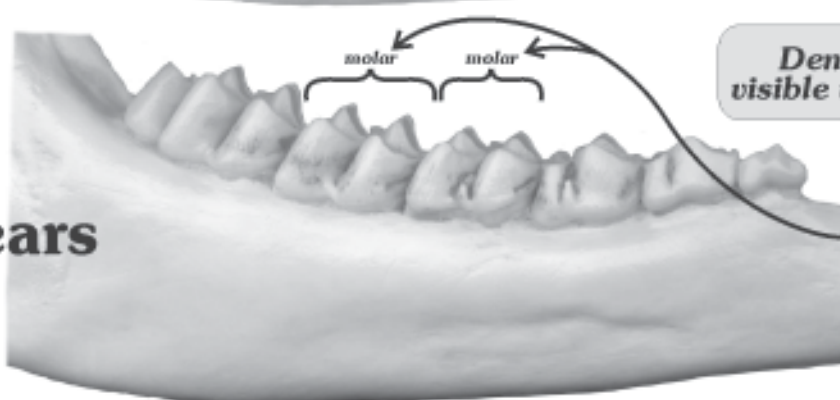
*3rd tooth
has 2 cusps*

2 1/2 years



*4th & 5th teeth
from the front
of the mouth
show narrow
dentine lines*

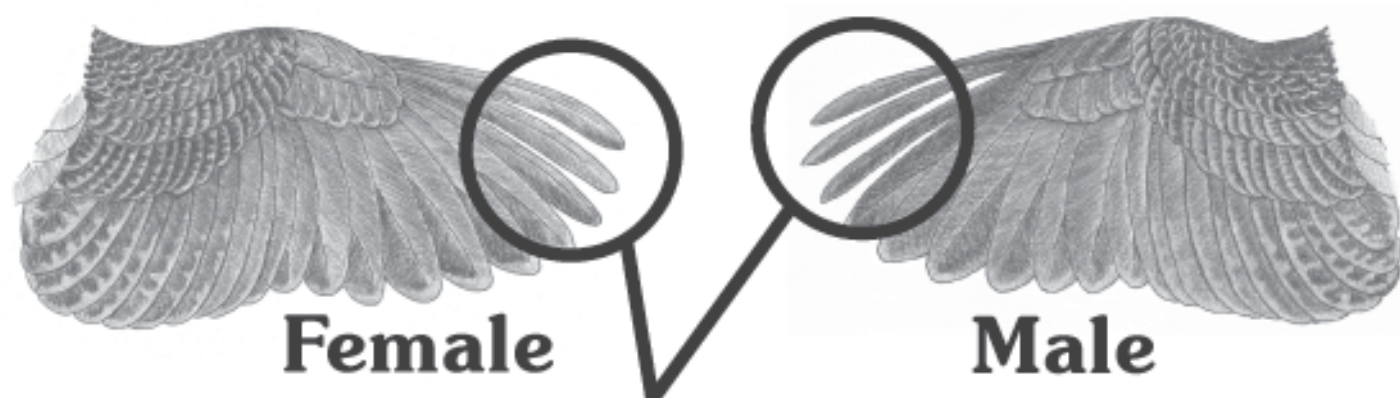
3 1/2 years



*Dentine is the brown line
visible within the white enamel.*

*4th & 5th teeth
have dentine
wider than the
enamel*

Determination of Woodcock Sex & Age



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"Becoming an Outdoors-Woman" (BOW) offers outdoor skills workshops, specifically for women 18 years of age and older although men are welcome to participate.

The workshops enable women to learn about a wide variety of outdoor recreational opportunities in a casual, non-threatening environment.



Class offerings may include: outdoor photography, stream ecology, turkey and deer hunting, fly fishing, hiking, kayaking, outdoor survival skills, and many more.



For more information
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or call: (toll-free
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620-8DNR, Ext. 8559



The emphasis of BOW is on the enjoyment and camaraderie that goes along with outdoor recreation, whether hunting, fishing, hiking, or boating.



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In Cooperation With



A completed "field tag" serves as the hunter's legal possession tag for transporting a deer or wild turkey carcass from the place of kill to an official Deer and Turkey Checking Station. The checking station operator will issue the hunter a "Big Game Possession Tag" which replaces the "field tag" as the hunter's legal possession tag. Attach all possession tags securely.

Field Tag- Attach to Deer or Turkey

Date	County	Deer Management Region (circle one) A B
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Hunter's Name _____

Hunter's License # _____

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